

**SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, 19th October, 2023**

**2.30 pm**

**Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall,  
Maidstone**







## AGENDA

### SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

**Thursday, 19 October 2023, at 2.30 pm**  
**Council Chamber, Sessions House, County**  
**Hall, Maidstone**

Ask for: **Joel Cook**  
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#### **Membership (8)**

Conservative (5): Mr N J Collor (Chairman), Mr M C Dance, Mr R W Gough,  
Mr C Simkins and Mr D Jeffrey

Liberal Democrat (1): Mr A J Hook

Labour (1): Dr L Sullivan

Green and Independent (1): Rich Lehmann

#### **UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**

*(During these items the meeting is likely to be open to the public)*

- 1 Apologies and Substitutes
- 2 Declarations of Interests by Members in items on the Agenda for this meeting.
- 3 Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)
- 4 Petition Update Report - to follow
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- 6 Member Development Sub-Committee: Annual Report (Pages 15 - 48)
- 7 KCC Combined Member Grants (Pages 49 - 184)
- 8 Kent Flood Risk Management Committee: Terms of Reference Review (Pages 185 - 190)

9 Monitoring Officer: Verbal Update

Benjamin Watts  
General Counsel  
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**Wednesday, 11 October 2023**

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

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### SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Selection and Member Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, 29 June 2023.

PRESENT: Mr N J Collor (Chairman), Mr M C Dance, Mr R W Gough, Mr A J Hook, Rich Lehmann, Mr C Simkins, Dr L Sullivan and Mr D Jeffrey.

ALSO PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J Cook (Democratic Services Manager), Mr B Watts (General Counsel), Mr T Godfrey (Senior Governance Manager), Mr J Clapson (Democratic Services Officer) and Miss K Reynolds (Democratic Services Officer).

### UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

#### 1. Apologies and Substitutes

*(Item 1)*

There were no apologies for absence. Mr Hook was in attendance virtually.

#### 2. Declarations of Interests

*(Item 2)*

Mr Simkins declared an interest in agenda item 4, Outside Bodies Review.

#### 3. Minutes

*(Item 3)*

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2023 were an accurate record and that they be signed by the Chair.

Mr Watts, provided Members with an update regarding the Member ICT Policy, he advised that the Policy would be circulated to Members once conversations with the Group Leaders had been concluded.

#### 4. Outside Bodies Review

*(Item 4)*

1. Following his declaration of interest, Mr Simkins left the meeting for the duration of this item.

2. Ms Reynolds, Democratic Services Officer, introduced the item. She said that the number of Outside Bodies had increased over time, and it seemed timely to conduct a review. The review would update the information and details of the Outside Bodies, and look to confirm the role of the appointees. An Outside Bodies Protocol would also be developed as part of the review.

3. During consideration of the item the following points were noted:

- a. The training and support for Members who were appointed to an Outside Body was raised as something to consider as part of the review.
- b. Appointment to some Outside Bodies came with legal liabilities. It was important to ensure that the Members who were appointed to these Outside Bodies were appropriately informed and guided.
- c. The Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel's work related to an Executive function, appointments to Executive Outside Bodies were made by the Leader of the Council.
- d. Consideration would be given to the creation of a comprehensive list of all Outside Bodies, Joint Committees, Partnership Bodies, and arrangements with other Authorities.
- e. The Protocol would detail how Members could feedback information that arose during the conduct of their Outside Bodies duties.

4. RESOLVED to agree to:

- a. Support the proposal to review the list of Outside Bodies appointments made by this Committee.
- b. Request that the outcome of this review, and a draft protocol, be presented to this Committee at the conclusion of the review.

## **5. Appointment of Parent Governor Representative**

*(Item 5)*

1. Mr Cook, Democratic Services Manager, introduced the report. He advised that a recruitment process was undertaken whenever a vacancy arose, and the Committee was being asked to confirm the appointment of the successful applicant.

2. During consideration of the item, the following points were noted:

- a. Parent Governors were entitled to claim back any relevant expenses incurred by attending meetings.
- b. An individual would not be eligible to sit on the Scrutiny Committee if they had a direct involvement with a school that was maintained by the local authority; they would have a relationship with the KCC, and this would cause a conflict of interest.

3. RESOLVED to agree to:

- a. Confirm the appointment of Holly Carter as Parent Governor representative on the Scrutiny Committee for a four-year term.

## **6. Petitions Review**

*(Item 6)*

1. Mr Cook introduced the report and advised that it was felt a review was appropriate following recent discussions with Members. The number of signatures needed to meet the thresholds for debate at County Council and Cabinet Committees, was one of the areas raised as a concern. Mr Cook added that last time

the Petition Scheme was reviewed, the Committee had chosen not to make any significant changes.

2. Mr Cook provided Members with a presentation to give context around how the Petition Scheme currently operated. During the presentation the following points were noted:

- a. All petitions must go to Democratic Services to be verified.
- b. Before setting up a petition, organisers were encouraged to contact the Democratic Services team; they were available to offer advice and ensure that the petition was relevant to a service provided by KCC.
- c. The most common subject of a petition related to highways matters. The most common outcome of a petition was to issue a written response from the relevant Cabinet Member. Petitions were often about very localised issues.
- d. Petition organisers were encouraged to coordinate with others when similar petitions took place simultaneously.
- e. KCC's signature thresholds were compared to the thresholds at other councils. There was a significant degree of variation in the number of signatures required by each council.
- f. The Green and Independent Group (G&I Group) indicated that they wished for the threshold for County Council debate to be reduced from 10,000 to 2,000 signatures and for the threshold for Cabinet Committee debate to be reduced from 2,500 to 1,500.
- g. If the G&I Group proposed thresholds had been in place over the last 9 years, the number of petitions considered by County Council would have increased from one to ten, and the number of petitions considered by a Cabinet Committees would have reduced from eight to six.
- h. Consideration could be given to a mechanism that would handle small, localised petitions more effectively.

3. Members asked questions and made comments. The following points were noted during the discussion:

- a. The county populations needed to be considered when comparing other council's signature thresholds.
- b. The eligibility to sign a petition should be reviewed, for example, a signatory should have a local connection or be over a certain age. Currently KCC required signatories to live, work or study in the county; the Committee intentionally left the eligibility requirements relatively open when the Petition Scheme was reviewed last time.
- c. For small petitions, considered at a local meeting, the number of signatures should be comparable with number required at District/Borough Councils.
- d. If a petition related to an executive function, which was often the case, neither the County Council or Cabinet Committee could act upon the petition directly. They could only make recommendations to the Cabinet for consideration.
- e. 10,000 was a lot of signatures, people do a petition when they have been told to gather evidence that people want something. If the threshold was reduced, more voices would be heard.
- f. The G&I Group's suggested the threshold for County Council debate was proportionally in line with the Parliamentary threshold. This reduction would increase democratic engagement.

- g. Officers could send a survey to petition organisers to incorporate their experience and feedback into the review.
- h. There were some advantages to hosting petitions on the KCC ePetition system, it could be used to provide updates to those who have signed the petition. The ePetition user experience was an area that could be further explored as part of the review. There were reports that the KCC ePetition system was a cumbersome experience for users.
- i. In cases where there was a paper petition and an ePetition running simultaneously about the same issue, the number of signatures could be combined. There was petition guidance that advised people not to sign both petition formats as there would be checks for duplication.
- j. In cases when there were multiple petitions about a similar, but not identical issues, the number of signatures were not combined, however they would be grouped together to enable to decision maker to see what had been received.
- k. Part of the review would look at to handle multiple different petitions that had a strategic connection. The aim was to help ensure peoples voices were heard. It was recognised that petitions were often submitted as an act of last resort.
- l. There would always be the opportunity for an individual to submit a paper petition.

4. Members comments would be incorporated into the review and proposals would be brought back to the Committee for further consideration.

## **7. Monitoring Officer Update** *(Item 7)*

1. Mr Watts, General Counsel provided his update as follows:

- a. An article had been published following a recent LGA survey that found 95% of local authorities wished to have the option to hold statutory meetings in a hybrid or virtual format. Mr Watts offered to circulate the article for Members' information.
- b. From the Autumn of 2023 it was anticipated that the Darent Room would become available for meetings in addition to the Council Chamber. This would allow more than one meeting to take place on the same day when necessary. This was a better use of resources and would enable Members to potentially conduct more business while they were in the building.



From: Tristan Godfrey, Senior Governance Manager  
To: Selection and Member Services Committee, 19 October 2023  
Subject: Outside Bodies: Outcome of Review  
Status: Unrestricted

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## 1. Introduction

- a. As per its terms of reference, this Committee is responsible for making nominations / appointments to a specific set of outside bodies. These are made on behalf of the Council and exclude those relating to Executive functions.
- b. A report was presented to this Committee on 29 June 2023 setting out why it was important to review the list of outside bodies to ensure all the information was up to date and remove organisations from the list where nominations or appointments were no longer required. The Committee agreed to this review being undertaken. The results are presented in this report.
- c. To better support this Committee in its role in relation to outside bodies, the Committee also agreed to request the Officers work on a draft protocol for discussion / agreement at a future meeting. Work has begun on the protocol, and it will be brought to this Committee upon its completion.

## 2. Outside Body Review: Outcome

- a. The organisations currently on the list of outside bodies for this Committee were reviewed. The outline information we held on them was checked against that available on their websites. To confirm or ascertain core information, the majority of organisations were contacted and asked to complete a short survey. These were followed up where necessary and it is only in a very small number of cases that no response was received.
- b. All of this information was pulled together and reviewed. As set out in paragraph 2d, twelve organisations are being recommended for removal from the outside bodies list.
- c. Were these to be removed, the following would be the list of current outside bodies:
  - *Aylesham and District Community Workshop Trust.*
  - *Bensted's Charity.*
  - *Biggin Hill Consultative Committee.*
  - *Gabriel Richards Charity.*
  - *Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee.*
  - *Headcorn Aerodrome Consultative Committee.*
  - *High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee.*
  - *Industrial Communities Alliance.*
  - *John Wallis CE Academy.*

- *Kent Association of Local Councils.*
- *Kent Downs AONB Joint Advisory Committee.*
- *Kent Music Board of Directors.*
- *Local Government Association:*
  - *Children and Young People Board.*
  - *County Councils Network.*
  - *General Assembly.*
  - *Public Transport Consortium.*
- *Lydd Airport Consultative Committee.*
- *Magnox Ltd - Dungeness A Site Shared Stakeholder Group.*
- *Medway NHS Foundation Trust.*
- *PATROL Joint Committee / Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee.*
- *Rochester Airport Consultative Committee.*
- *Rochester Bridge Trust.*
- *Sandwich and Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve Steering Group.*
- *South East Employers.*
- *Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.*
- *The Duke of York's Royal Military School.*
- *Vinters Valley Park Trust.*
- *Robert Thompson Charities.*
- *Yalding Educational Foundation.*

d. The outside bodies which are being recommended for removal from the list of outside bodies:

- *Action for Communities in Rural Kent (ACRK)* (Halls Committee, Rail Partnership Steering Group and Management Committee). The ACRK has closed.
- *Cranbrook School Trust* – Body of Trustees. KCC appointee not part of organisational structure.
- *Dover Roman Painted House Trust.* The Organisation has confirmed that an appointee is not required any longer.
- *The Hugh and Montague Leney Travelling Awards Trust.* The Trust has representation by a KCC Officer.
- *Kent Big Society Investment Panel.* Became the Kent Social Enterprise Loan Fund in 2017 and managed by Kent Community Foundation (KCF). KCF have confirmed that Member appointees are not required.
- *Kent County Playing Fields Association.* The Organisation has confirmed that an appointee is not required any longer.
- *Kent International Airport Consultative Committee.* The Committee has ceased operating.
- *Powell-Cotton Museum Trust.* Organisation has confirmed that an appointee is not being requested.
- *Local Government Association:*
  - *Special Interest Group – Coastal Issues.* KCC is not a member of the Group.
- *Red Hill Trust.* Several attempts to contact charity, no response received. If information confirming the active status of the charity and request for an appointee is received, the Committee will be asked to reinstate it.

- *Swale District Advisory Board*. The Board has been superseded by the Local Children's Partnership Group.
  - *Swale Rural Forum*. The Forum is no longer operational.
- e. The appendix sets out what the summary information of the current list would like were these recommendations to be agreed.
- f. As can be seen from this list, there are the following vacancies:
- *Gabriel Richards Charity*.
  - *John Wallis CE Academy*.
  - *PATROL Joint Committee*.
  - *Sandwich and Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve Steering Group*.

### **3. Recommendation**

The Selection and Member Services Committee is asked to:

- a. Agree to remove the outside bodies listed in section 2d from the list of outside bodies.
- b. Agree to confirm the current list of outside bodies as set out in section 2c.
- c. Delegate to the Monitoring Officer the authority to make nominations and appointments to outside bodies where there is a vacancy, after consultation with the Chair of the Committee and Group Leaders.

### **4. Background Documents**

None.

### **5. Report Author and Relevant Director**

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## Summary Information of Outside Bodies for SMS Nomination / Appointment

OB = Outside Body

KCC = Kent County Council

Body	Summary	Website	Appointee Role	To represent:	Current appointee
Aylesham and District Community Workshop Trust.	Aylesham & District Community Workshops Trust is a charity that has been serving the Aylesham community since 1996. The organisation gives grants to voluntary organisations in the area from funds that it raises itself.	<a href="http://www.awt.org.uk">www.awt.org.uk</a>	Trustee	OB	Steve Manion
Bensted's Charity.	Bensted's Charity provides grants for the relief of distress and sickness, and support for social welfare, recreation, and education for the residents of the twenty-four parishes east of Teynham within the Swale Borough Council area.	<a href="https://benstedscharity.org.uk/">https://benstedscharity.org.uk/</a>	Trustee	OB	Antony Hook and Rich Lehman
Biggin Hill Consultative Committee.	The role of the Consultative Committee is to help provide a forum for discussing airport-related issues with those who may be affected.	<a href="https://bigginhillairport.com/community/airport-consultative-committee/">https://bigginhillairport.com/community/airport-consultative-committee/</a>	Member of Consultative Committee.	KCC	Nick Chard
Gabriel Richards Charity.	For the provision of affordable housing for persons over the age of 55 years of age in Goodnestone, Nr Canterbury, Kent.	NA	Trustee	OB	(Vacancy)
Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee.	The Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee (GATCOM) is constituted to meet the requirements of Section 35 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 for an airport "to provide adequate facilities for consultation with respect to any matter concerning the management or administration of the airport which affects the	<a href="https://www.gatcom.org.uk">https://www.gatcom.org.uk</a>	Member of Consultative Committee.	KCC	Margot McArthur (Deputy – David Brazier)

	interests of users of the airport, local authorities and any other organisation representing the interests of persons concerned with the locality in which the airport is situated.”				
Headcorn Aerodrome Consultative Committee.	To facilitate communications between the aerodrome and the businesses on the site and local residents via their elected Parish, Borough and County Council representatives.	<a href="https://headcornaerodrome.co.uk/">https://headcornaerodrome.co.uk/</a>	Member of Consultative Committee.	KCC	Alan Marsh
High Weald AONB Joint Advisory Committee.	The High Weald Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) champions the High Weald AONB.	<a href="https://highweald.org/about-us/joint-advisory-committee/">https://highweald.org/about-us/joint-advisory-committee/</a>	JAC Member	KCC (Local authority function).	Susan Carey
Industrial Communities Alliance.	Campaigning to support the social, economic, and environmental regeneration of older industrial areas.	<a href="http://www.industrialcommunitiesalliance.org.uk">www.industrialcommunitiesalliance.org.uk</a>	Representative	KCC	Steve Manion
John Wallis CE Academy.	Church of England (Secondary) Academy School.	<a href="https://www.thejohnwallisacademy.org/54/governors">https://www.thejohnwallisacademy.org/54/governors</a>	Governor	KCC (representing KCC as a sponsor)	(Vacancy)
Kent Association of Local Councils.	KALC a membership organisation that represents Towns and Parishes across Kent.	<a href="https://www.kentalc.gov.uk/">https://www.kentalc.gov.uk/</a>	Executive committee member.	KCC	Harry Rayner
Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee (JAC).	An area as large and varied as the Kent Downs relies on many stakeholders who have a role in managing the landscape, supporting local business and communities, and enabling quiet recreation. The Joint Advisory Committee plays a pivotal role in helping realise the strategic vision for the Kent Downs AONB and oversee the Management Plan.	<a href="https://kentdowns.org.uk/about-us/who-we-are/joint-advisory-committee/">https://kentdowns.org.uk/about-us/who-we-are/joint-advisory-committee/</a>	JAC member.	KCC (Local authority function).	Harry Rayner

Kent Music Board of Directors.	Kent Music provides creative and inspiring music education opportunities to children, young people, adults, and teachers across Kent, including music lessons, orchestras and choirs, and working with schools. We are the lead partner for the Music Education Hub in Kent.	<a href="https://www.kent-music.com/kent-music-board-trustees/">https://www.kent-music.com/kent-music-board-trustees/</a>	Trustee	OB	Sarah Hohler and Sarah Hamilton
Local Government Association: Children and Young People Board.	The Children and Young People Board has responsibility for Local Government Association (LGA) activity on the wellbeing of children and young people, including education, social care, health and early years.	<a href="https://lga.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?!D=159">https://lga.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?!D=159</a>	Board member	KCC	Roger Gough
Local Government Association: County Councils Network.	Established in 1997, the County Councils Network is a cross-party special interest group of the Local Government Association, representing England's county local authorities.	<a href="https://www.countycouncilsnetwork.org.uk/">https://www.countycouncilsnetwork.org.uk/</a>	CCN Council member	KCC	Roger Gough, Peter Oakford, Lauren Sullivan, Antony Hook.
Local Government Association: General Assembly.	The LGA's General Assembly meets once a year, and is the only LGA decision making forum which all authorities in full membership are eligible to attend and to vote on behalf of local government.	<a href="https://www.local.gov.uk/about/our-meetings-and-leadership/lga-general-assembly">https://www.local.gov.uk/about/our-meetings-and-leadership/lga-general-assembly</a>	Member Authority Representative	KCC	Roger Gough, Peter Oakford, 2 to be nominated by opposition groups.
Local Government Association: Public Transport Consortium.	The Public Transport Consortium (PTC) is a Special Interest Group within the Local Government Association. The group promotes public transport issues on behalf of local authorities outside of metropolitan areas, supporting effective local decisions on public transport for the benefit of local citizens	<a href="https://publictransportconsortium.org.uk/">https://publictransportconsortium.org.uk/</a>	Member Authority Representative.	KCC	David Brazier (+2 TBC).
Lydd Airport Consultative Committee.	The role of the Airport Consultative Committee (ACC) is to help provide a forum for discussing airport-related issues with those who may be	<a href="https://www.lydd-airport.co.uk/consultative-committee/">https://www.lydd-airport.co.uk/consultative-committee/</a>	Committee member	KCC	Tony Hills

	affected. It enables the Airport management to interact more effectively with the local community, businesses operating at the Airport and local public agencies.				
Magnox Ltd - Dungeness A Site Shared Stakeholder Group	SSGs or their equivalents are the forum for open and transparent communication between local communities near nuclear licensed sites, the NDA, the site operator, and regulators such as the Environment Agency, Natural Resources Wales, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and the Office for Nuclear Regulation.	<a href="https://magnoxstakeholdergroups.com/">https://magnoxstakeholdergroups.com/</a>	Group member	KCC	Tony Hills
Medway NHS Foundation Trust.	Medway NHS Foundation Trust operates a single-site hospital based in Gillingham, Medway Maritime Hospital, which serves a population of more than 424,000 across Medway and Swale.	<a href="https://www.medway.nhs.uk/membership/partner-governors.htm">https://www.medway.nhs.uk/membership/partner-governors.htm</a>	Partner Governor	KCC	John Wright
PATROL Joint Committee / Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee.	Local authorities who undertake civil traffic enforcement are required by statute to make provision for independent adjudication. The relationship between the adjudicators and the Joint Committee is derived from and governed by the Traffic Management Act 2004.  Over 300 local authorities in England (outside London) and Wales are members of the PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London ) Adjudication Joint Committee to exercise this function jointly.	<a href="https://www.patrol-uk.info/patrol-joint-committee/">https://www.patrol-uk.info/patrol-joint-committee/</a>	Member of Joint Committee.	KCC (Local authority function).	(Vacancy)
Rochester Airport Consultative	All aerodromes, to which section 35 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 applies, provide facilities for consultation and Rochester Airport has done this through establishing the RACC.	<a href="https://rochesterairport.co.uk/racc/who-are-we.html">https://rochesterairport.co.uk/racc/who-are-we.html</a>	Member of consultative committee	KCC	Alan Marsh



Committee (RACC).					
Rochester Bridge Trust.	The Charity is established for the maintenance and improvement of the two adjacent bridges known as the Rochester Bridge and of the Medway Tunnel, and for purposes connected with the River Medway.	<a href="https://rbt.org.uk/about-us/wardens-and-assistants/the-role/">https://rbt.org.uk/about-us/wardens-and-assistants/the-role/</a>	Assistant Warden (Trustee)	OB	Sarah Hohler and Matthew Balfour (not an elected Member)
Sandwich and Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve Steering Group.	The Sandwich and Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve (S&P NNR) is an internationally important nature reserve and is managed in partnership between the landowners, which includes a number of public bodies and charities (KCC, Thanet District Council, National Trust, RSPB and Kent Wildlife Trust). The Steering Group co-ordinates the management of the reserve and provides a forum for the exchange of information between the partner organisations.	<a href="https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/nature-reserves/sandwich-and-pegwell-bay">https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/nature-reserves/sandwich-and-pegwell-bay</a>	Member of Steering Group.	KCC	(Vacancy)
South East Employers.	A team of professionally qualified and highly experienced specialists offering independent employment and organisational development advice, support, consultancy services and partnering arrangements to organisations in the south east.	<a href="https://www.seemp.co.uk/">https://www.seemp.co.uk/</a>	Representative.	KCC	Rory Love, Bryan Sweetland, (+1 TBC from opposition groups)
Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.	The Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) is a committee established by the Environment Agency under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. It brings together members appointed by Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) and independent members with relevant experience.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/southern-regional-flood-and-coastal-committee">https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/southern-regional-flood-and-coastal-committee</a>	Committee member	KCC	Tony Hills, Mike Dendor, and Neil Baker

The Duke of York's Royal Military School.	A state boarding academy (secondary education)	<a href="https://www.doyrms.com/">https://www.doyrms.com/</a>	Trustee	OB	Nigel Collor
Vinters Valley Park Trust.	The Trusts principal aims are to:  Preserve a valuable wildlife habitat Preserve threatened species Provide an education source for local schools and community groups Provide a peaceful and tranquil site for members of the local community and beyond.	<a href="https://vintersvalley.co.uk/">https://vintersvalley.co.uk/</a>	Trustee	OB	Gary Cooke
Robert Thompson Charities.	The Robert Thompson Trust has run the Village Hall and 8 adjacent almshouses in Saltwood since it was founded in 1899 by benefactor, Robert Thompson.	<a href="http://www.robertthompsoncharities.co.uk/">http://www.robertthompsoncharities.co.uk/</a>	Trustee	OB	Rory Love
Yalding Educational Foundation.	The Charity makes grants to local university students to help with tuition fees and maintenance, with a small amount being spent on prizes for spoken English in the local primary schools. When funds allow, grants are also made to the 3 local parish primary schools for the children to experience an educational or cultural trip.	NA	Trustee	OB	(No KCC nominated trustee at present but currently no vacancy for a trustee)

From: Dylan Jeffrey, Chairman, Member Development Sub Committee  
Ben Watts, General Counsel

To: Selection and Member Services Committee, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Subject: Member Development Sub Committee – Annual Report

Status: Unrestricted

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Member Development Sub Committee<sup>1</sup> met on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 and subsequently met in an informal setting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 to discuss the future direction of Member Development. The Committee agreed that a survey was to be conducted to capture the collective views of Members of the training requirements needed including personal development, training formats, timetabling and communications.
- 1.2 The Committee Chairman, following feedback from the group constructed a survey that was distributed to Members between 15 May 2023 and 26 May 2023 inclusive. The findings from the survey were presented to Sub Committee Members on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and analysis was undertaken.
- 1.3 This annual report provides an overview of the findings and future planning.

## 2 Survey Response

- 2.1 An online questionnaire was created, consisting of 30 questions and distributed to Members during a two-week window. Although encouraged to participate in the survey, it was not a mandatory requirement.
- 2.2 The Chairman through periodic reminders sent prompts to Group Leaders and Members to participate. A few Members reported problems with the link, but this was due to attempts to access this while not logged in to KCC systems. For those Members that continued to experience problems options were made available to complete with an officer inputting the results and an open version was provided upon request.
- 2.3 Member engagement has proved difficult in the past but with the recurrent publicity and reminder from the Committee Chairman a total of 55 out of 80 Members (the Council had one vacancy at the time) responded.
- 2.4 The full results of the survey are contained within Appendix 1.

<sup>1</sup>[Agenda for Member Development Sub-Committee on Wednesday, 2nd November, 2022, 10.30 am \(kent.gov.uk\)](#)

<sup>2</sup>[AGS 2021-22 \(kent.gov.uk\)](#)

### **3 Survey Findings – Our Members and Their Role**

- 3.1 At the September Sub Committee, the results were collectively analysed, and each question was taken in turn and discussed.
- 3.2 The first section of the question focussed on learning about our Members and their role within the Council. Running concurrently are the actions arising from the Annual Governance Statement 2021-22<sup>2</sup> (AGS). The Statement highlights several key areas relating to learning and development and will have its own programme of events but should not sit in isolation to the work undertaken by the Sub Committee. The survey provided an opportunity for some focussed governance questions to be considered which will aid that programme's development.
- 3.3 It was noted from the results of the first question that a few Members were defining their role as an Executive Member and from the open field box identified that respondents described their role in governance in a varying degree. As aforementioned the development programme arising from the AGS will assist Members with a formal definition and training relating to the role as set out in the Constitution. When and if the Sub Committee chose to survey again a comparison in such questions will be useful.
- 3.4 Members were inducted in May 2021 and during this period we remained in a period of restricted working due to the pandemic. Members therefore experienced a limited programme of events both in terms of learning methods, which was virtual only, and by way of networking with both new and returning Members to enable those all-important first engagements.
- 3.5 Question 3 provided an opportunity to ask Members to define how communications can be improved – the results from this section will thread through the design of the programme to encompass key points identified, such as requests for networking opportunities, early engagement, utilisation of briefings and finding new ways to communicate with our Members.

### **4 Survey Findings – Member Scheduling**

- 4.1 The survey results within section two focussed on preferences on scheduling that will enable the Committee to plan accordingly and ensure that Member and Officer time was used effectively based on findings. Previously, when events had been held in person it was noted that attendance levels were low or at the last minute a few Members withdrew due to other commitments.
- 4.2 The results were mixed thus inconclusive, and the Committee agreed that Member Development sessions are to be scheduled on a quarterly basis. This was defined not only due to the higher proportion of Members requesting that timeframe but encompasses those Members who wanted a more frequent programme. Member Briefings of course, although based on departmental information sharing will continue to increase Member knowledge and awareness and will continue to take place in addition to independent Member Development sessions.

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- 4.3 The delivery format is incredibly important to encourage engagement and the survey sought preferences. The Committee agreed that due to the current prohibition of hybrid facilities at present in person development sessions are the priority. In turn this was felt that it would enable opportunities for Members to network too.
- 4.4 The Committee Chairman, during the construction of the survey, wanted to clearly understand the commitments that Members had in addition to their Member role. The findings from those questions and the open field boxes clearly identified that Members require plenty of notice to plan their scheduled in advance. This should not only aid them but will hopefully increase attendance numbers by way of a well organised forward plan.
- 4.5 Focussing on preferred timings will be where the Committee felt that they may need to experiment in the first instance to ensure the correct formula to boost attendance numbers. In the first instance, the Committee agreed that afternoon sessions were preferred.
- 4.6 Our current set formula for Committees see increased attendance of Members during Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and it was agreed that sessions following on from Committees may be a good starting point for training sessions.
- 4.7 Good feedback mechanisms and recurrent attendance monitoring will ensure that the Committee can be responsive to session planning. It was understood that it may take some elements of experimentation to reach the perfect formula for boosting attendance.

## **5 Survey Findings – Tailored Training**

- 5.1 Personal Developments Plans (PDPs) were a key focus for the Committee, but it should be noted that nearly half of respondents did not give an opinion on them. In previous terms, PDPs were developed with an Officer and so this option is to be explored further but there was concern about resource allocation and to the boundaries between Members and Officers.
- 5.2 It was identified that a structured exercise should be undertaken for those Members that hold a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) to ensure that they receive adequate training to undertake their role effectively. Examples of this could include Chairman training, Key Decision Training, etc.
- 5.3 The Committee Chairman was keen to explore psychometric testing for Members and just over half of respondents expressed an interest in this. However, following exploration of the matter with Learning and Development colleagues, the cost to provide such a service was high and due to the unique role of a Member difficult to analyse. Committee Members were keen to continue to explore this matter and consideration is to be given to investigate the matter further, with the potential to discuss this with local colleges and universities.

- 5.4 Questions 17, 18, 21 and 22 will be analysed further by the Committee to produce an ongoing timetable for existing Members and aid the design for the 2025 induction. It was noted that a theme that came through strongly was that Members found the Council difficult to navigate. A new system will need to be explored to attempt to resolve these matters. This will not only aid Members but assist directorates to manage Member enquiries whilst dealing with an increased demand on resources.
- 5.5 Some Committee Members highlighted opportunities to utilise similar styles of training as used by Planning Applications Committee or Governance and Audit Committee. This style gave focus to a topical subject matter and it was suggested that this could be utilised to aid directorate understanding in conjunction with Cabinet Committees, but were open to all Members if they had an interest in the matter.
- 5.6 The remaining questions focussed on personal training requirements for Members and the Committee were keen to promote KCC as a learning organisation and move away from an 'I know everything' culture. It was felt that the future design of PDPs could include a 'what did you achieve' question to give focus to this point.
- 5.7 To ensure sensible use of public funding priority will be given to certain subjects, as well as where possible subjects that could be packaged together to provide value for money. This will also ensure that Members time is utilised effectively.

## **6 Budgets and Course Monitoring**

- 6.1 The Member Development budget currently consists of requests for spend, which has predominantly been for conference attendance and requests being sent directly to the Learning and Development team to administer. The Sub Committee felt that the budget should not be used for conference attendance and should be on focussed spend. There has been little oversight of the spend and the specified need for training.
- 6.2 Committee Members have therefore requested that a system is developed to provide monitoring and will be managed in consultation with the Cabinet Member and Senior Responsible Officer. This will ensure clear reporting mechanisms for annual reports and to monitor Member learning. This could assist with spotting learning trends and enable Committee to design in-house training in groups and avoid duplicate learning at an increased cost to the Council.
- 6.3 The Committee agreed that they would like Group responsibility for the training budget and requests for learning and development. Additionally, learning could be identified where individuals could attend training events and subsequently report back to the Groups on the learning received and share such content more widely, in turn enabling value for money.

## **7 Formalised Records**

- 7.1 It is vital that when involving public expenditure formalised records are maintained to not only assist in monitoring but to inform future learning. It also will aid future Freedom of Information requests that are occasionally requested.
- 7.2 Committee Members wished to maintain a record of learning and development undertaken by each Member. This record would be made available to Group Leaders for one-to-one discussions and to help inform who has the relevant training to sit on various committees or expressed an interest to do so in future.
- 7.3 Recent Pensions Fund Committee and Pension Board meetings have recently introduced an annual report for each Committee Member to complete and is provided to the Responsible Officer. This followed recommendations from a CIPFA report and was identified as good practice and one which the group wished to explore further.

## **8 Charter Plus**

- 8.1 The Sub Committee discussed the Councillor Development Charter Plus and was a point of discussion at last year's Member Development Sub Committee about its status.
- 8.2 Subsequent to that meeting South East Employers (SEEMP) confirmed that membership of the Councillor Development Charter Plus was extended to the end of 2021 due to Covid but has now lapsed. The three-year recommitment fee is £4,500/VAT for a non-SEE Member. (Member Rate £3,750).
- 8.3 At this time and due to the constraints on council finances the Committee agreed to defer this for now.

## **9 Next Steps**

- 9.1 Committee Members identified some key training that was to be made a priority and included:
- a) Training on Executive Decisions for Cabinet Members
  - b) Media Training for Executive Members, Chairman and Opposition Group Leaders
  - c) Democratic Services Focussed Training including use of Mod.gov systems
  - d) Chairman Training
  - e) Priority on training identified in the AGS
  - f) Member Awareness Sessions on the Armed Forces Covenant and Corporate Parenting
  - g) Personal Safety
  - h) Ordinary Committee Training – Regulation Committee, etc.
- 9.2 In addition, to ensure the continued governance security of the Council, particularly through such a period of change, a focus on the development of a more in-depth substitution list will need to be developed. Along with Democratic Services and relevant directorates that support regulatory

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committees, focussed learning sessions and Group encouragement on attendance will be required. Planning Applications Committee training held in June 2023 saw an increased attendance rate through such methods.

- 9.3 A forward plan is to be created following discussion at Selection and Member Services Committee and circulated to Members to ensure that we, as requested, notify Members in good time.
  - 9.4 A new Member Development mailbox has been created so that it gives a focus to Member Development and a Microsoft Teams site will be created for users of that system as another tool for promotion.
  - 9.5 The Sub Committee will recurrently meet to discuss developments and course feedback and begin to start the preparations for designing the 2025 Induction programme, again with the assistance of the 2023 Survey findings.
  - 9.6 The Sub Committee agreed that this new programme of learning and development, except for the immediate need for Executive Decision training, shall commence from January 2024.
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Recommendation(s):

Selection and Member Services Committee is asked to:

- Note and discuss Member Development to provide contribution to the key findings
- Provide a view on the budget arrangements for Learning and Development allocations
- Provide feedback on Appendix A

## **Appendices**

Appendix A – Member Development Survey Results

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## Member Development Survey Results

### Introduction

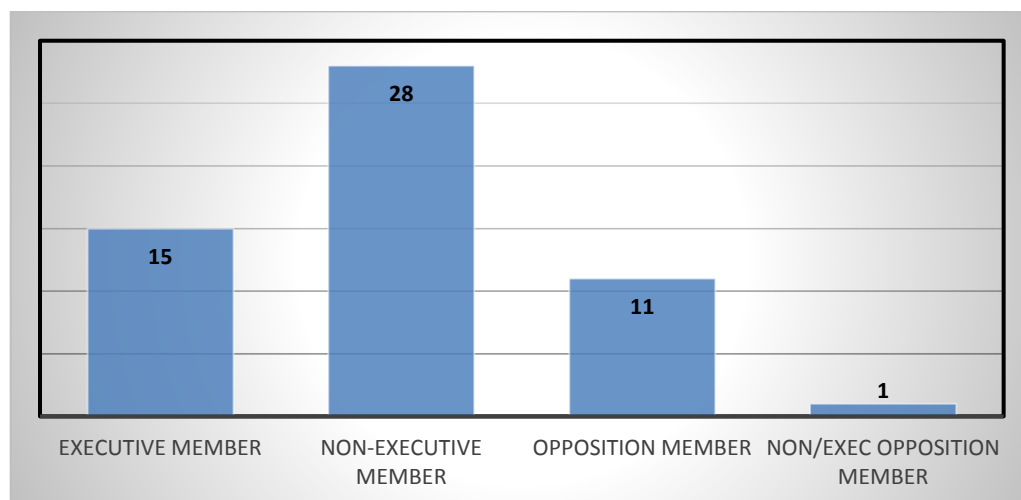
Members were surveyed between 15 May 2023 and 26 May 2023 inclusive, 55 out of 80 Members (the Council at the time had one vacancy) responded. 3 Members responded after the survey closed and their results were not collected, 1 Member chose not to complete the survey.



### Section 1 - About Our Members and Their Role within Kent County Council

**Question 1** asked Members to identify their Member Roles as defined in the Constitution. Statistics are represented in numbers and then percentages of respondents:

<b>Executive Member</b>	15	27%
<b>Non-Executive Member</b>	28	51%
<b>Opposition Member</b>	11	20%
<b>Non-Exec Member / Opposition Member</b>	1	2%



**Question 2** was an open field box and asked Members to describe what they thought their role is in relation to Council Governance. 16 respondents (29%) gave a focus on decision making for this question. The responses returned were themed as follows:

### **Upholding Council Governance**

- As a Portfolio holder to ensure that future decisions and decisions made follow the Council governance guidelines
- To following code of conduct stipulations and elected member responsibilities
- Probably a bit too cautious
- Follow code of conduct in dealing with officers, members and public
- To agree the annual budget and ensure the Executive act within its framework and/or act properly within the constitution when operating outside the budget.
- To uphold open and transparent governance
- Understand the Constitution
- Follow the law, comply with the code of conduct, and ensure that the actions of the council are lawful
- Upholding the constitution and upholding the code of conduct and Member behaviour
- Upholding the code of conduct
- To ensure that the governance rule pertaining to my portfolio post are followed and reviewed on a regular basis to maintain relevance in order to protect the interests of residents and KCC. This would also extend to constructive discussions with colleagues on governance matters on their portfolios.
- As laid out in the constitution regarding the decision making process
- Open and transparent declarations and when it is appropriate to do that
- To ensure that the Council is acting in accordance with the law and out policies relating to finance, democracy and delivery of services
- My role as an Executive Member is to oversee and develop Council Strategy and to take decisions on the basis of a justifiable line of reasoning and advice. I am accountable for my own decisions, and for the conduct and effectiveness of the Cabinet Members I appoint.
- To ensure that the council is financially sustainable, ensure Kent is environmentally sustainable and to hold the Council's executive to account on behalf of Kent residents

- Governance needs to be understood depending on the direction of the economy and society. However, I don't think I have enough fundamental information on how the Council works within this sphere to answer this question
- As part of Cabinet set and implement the authority's policies, take decisions on policies for the services in my portfolio and oversee the implementation of policies in my portfolio

### **Provide Contribution**

- As an Executive Member to contribute to informed decisions at Cabinet
- Monitor decisions, advise changes, make recommendations
- Actively participate on committees and working groups
- To support the Cabinet Member in policy making

### **Oversight and Scrutiny**

- Scrutiny, input, compliance
- Hold a chairman's role
- Oversight and scrutiny of governance and promoting transparency and inclusion
- To scrutinise and ask awkward questions
- Scrutinise the administration
- Scrutiny
- To assist the democratic process through membership of the Cabinet Committees and to hold the decision makers to account via the Scrutiny Committee
- To ensure that we look to the longer term rather than short term savings which cost more in the future!
- All councillors play a role in scrutinising all functions of the running of the council
- Scrutinising decisions, offering alternative, conforming to the code of conduct
- Adherence to, monitoring of, support of others in these areas
- We all have a part to play by being aware of and being pro-active in matters corporate – by raising concerns and self-scrutinising our own decisions as well as those taken or contemplated by others.
- Transparency, appropriate engagement with officers, what we can ask and when
- Scrutiny of Council decisions. Active participation in council meetings.

- Contribute to strategies at KCC
- Developing policies, shaping the budget and seeing that services are delivered
- Scrutinise council and cabinet decisions and to attend meetings
- Councillors have a duty to scrutinise the performance of the council in delivering against the priorities and targets which are set
- To ensure the Executive are scrutinised and held to account. To advise the Executive prior to decisions that effect my Division and support the Executive once a decision has been made
- To raise questions and seek answers when things do not go according to plan or where we are failing to deliver services or improve as an authority
- As a Chairman, my role is to ensure the Executive is held accountable for decisions made
- As part of my role, I Chair a Cabinet Committee it's about how we take decision, how we record decisions and pass that onto our residents and stakeholders.
- Participate in meetings with future decision making and guidance
- Scrutiny, bringing new ideas to the administration
- Hold the Executive to account on the promises they made in Framing Kent's Future. Holding Cabinet Members and Officers to account on strategies and policies. Holding Officers to account on delivery/implementation of those plans
- Seek assurance that the council is delivering the service in line with the constitution, budgetary framework and key policies

### **Representation**

- A supporting role
- As a Councillor to represent residents in my Division and contribute to Council decisions including the regular review of our governance
- Represent constituents/advise constituents whilst keeping the whole of Kent in mind
- To assist the wider community in engaging with the democratic process
- Ensure that the council is doing things in the correct way to benefit the people it serves in an open and honest way
- Help to produce policy, monitoring policy, standing up for my residents
- Feedback to and help residents, make decisions
- To represent residents

- To ensure that KCC gives value for money, never forgetting that it is not our money but tax payers money and we have a duty to use it wisely
- Ensure the reputation of KCC is improved by responding promptly and professionally to all residents' concerns and issues, being respectful to others and being a role model with highest personal standards
- To refine and promote good policy in respect of my portfolio and to represent the portfolio to members, residents and the wider world
- Carrying out the role of committee member where appointed and serving residents in my Division
- Attend meetings, read committee papers, debate issues with colleagues, ask relevant officers for more information if needed
- Using committees to appropriately serve the community and conduct council business appropriately in them
- Engagement with the Districts
- To represent residents and the overall needs of my Division and improve quality of life throughout Kent
- To represent the residents in my Division
- I value my role that I play within the Council structure
- To represent my residents and be the link between them and the Council and vice versa
- The fundamental role of councillor is to serve the interests of their community as a whole. In the event of conflict between the public and private interests of the councillor or related persons, the overall public interest must prevail
- Conduct myself in a professional manner with constituents, other councillors and the staff.
- Facilitate communications between the public and council
- In my continuing role as a Member I have responsibilities to represent my constituents and to act in the best interests of residents of Kent, although much of the latter is discharged through my Executive role
- Representing residents
- Represent my residents and try to meet their needs. Contribute and engage with the Executive to help guide the policies and strategic direction of the County Council
- The role of the elected member is set out in the constitution. In reality, I believe increasingly elected members are seen as a "democratic shield" to protect Executive Members and Officers from an increasingly angry electorate. As a relatively new member of KCC I have managed to deliver some substantial improvements for my Division, but almost exclusively this has been through long-standing relationships with Portfolio Holders, and very little via "routine channels". I sympathise with members who do not enjoy the level of longstanding contacts I have in terms of delivering tangible outcomes.

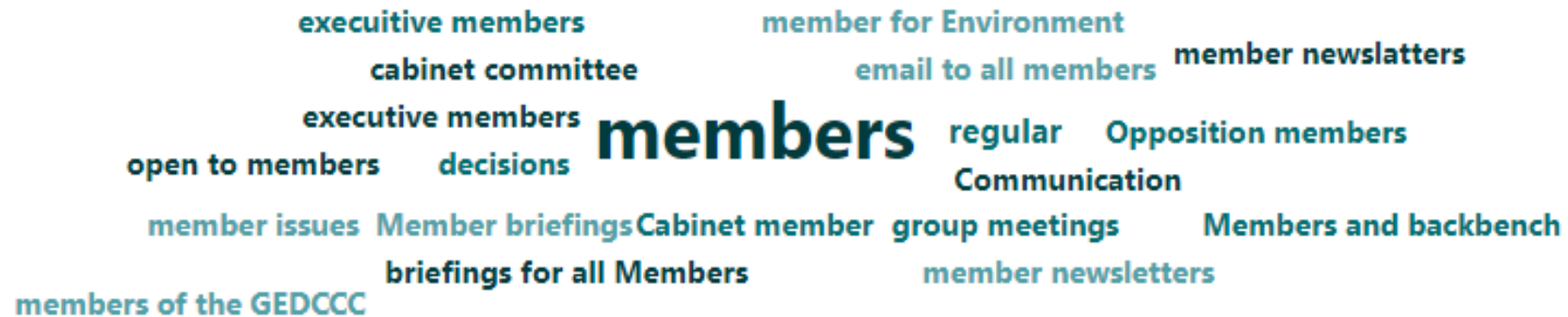
### No role in governance

- Zero

### Note:

- Some Members were unsure of how to respond
- One Member was unsure of the meaning of the question

**Question 3** was open field and asked Members how communication between Executive and Non-Executive Members can be improved. The responses returned were recorded and themed as follows:



### Availability and Accessibility

- Appreciate the group meetings
- I am content with the current position
- There will always be a gap but I think our group meetings and away days go some way to bridging that gap
- The Leader is very good at communicating and sets an example. Not having functional council offices (HQ) doesn't help

- It is quite good compared to some other councils
- More presence
- It would be nice if for new members the executive members introduced themselves
- Have far more interaction between Cabinet Members and backbench. At the moment it is diabolical, we are not shown much respect at all
- Briefings on what they are working on. At District there is a meeting every week that is open to members. They give an opportunity for the Leader to say what is coming up on decisions, etc.
- More meetings in person and open door policy, sending regular, but short, emails to members
- Be more accessible and more understanding of the diversity of all the Divisions, one decision does not fit all
- The Executive can appear aloof and distant from back benches – until or unless you make an effort to interact with them. Joining KCC in the aftermath of Covid probably did not help the assimilation of the Class of 2021
- Where do I start! More accessibility. For the executive to answer emails in a timely and reasonable timeframe. Not hours later

### **Involvement and Networking**

- The communication is fine but I don't feel I have any say. On a personal level I feel very affective...strategically and operationally I feel redundant
- Early consultation on proposals and more honesty
- Better group meetings
- More opportunities for networking could be afforded. All meetings should now be in person
- Hold regular 1 to 1 meetings with various departments, in-depth to understand the operations
- Regular provision of All Member Briefing. This already takes place, but can be more frequent and systematic. Task and Finish groups specific to a theme or issue can also be very useful in generating ideas and breaking down the barriers between Executive and Non Executive
- Regular briefing sessions
- Poor
- Early engagement / conversations. Less reliance on urgent decision. Make Chairs of Scrutiny Committees Opposition Members to improve transparency and challenge the perception of 'making your own homework'.

- More open and honest conversations, getting non-executive members to read papers and reports sent to them and for them to attend more meetings
- More interaction
- More notice of major upcoming decisions, rather than being “bounced” by finding out when a cabinet committee agenda is published, by which point the policy in question is almost – or completely – worked up to a final point
- I have found sub groups on specific themes helpful
- It starts with respect, respect in an alternative position. Communication between Executive and Non-Executive Members could improve if the Executive simply listen and welcome scrutiny instead of being defensive and dismissive
- Transparency and open engagement
- Open Executive meetings to Deputy members – as an obligatory attendance
- Anything relating to someone’s division should be copied in for appropriate consultation. Understanding what is needed to be known is provided as we are accountable to the public. So, when meeting with public and parishes the Members need to know as a key consideration to avoid embarrassment
- More briefings, more information sent by email to all members.
- Until very recently I did not sit on a Cabinet Committee and realised that on occasions decisions were being made or members views were sought and I was not included in any of the discussion or decisions. Communication! Could be managed better officially and unofficially (ie through Group meetings)
- Not sure. We get regular cabinet member newsletters and Group meeting briefings



### **Communications and Briefings**

- More concise version of the Cabinet Member newsletters
- More information
- By producing a regular update on activity and policy
- Regular monthly briefing papers as regards their role and issues
- The Adult Social Care Committee has arranged a couple of away days to explain the portfolio in more detail. Only those members on the committee have been invited, but it might be of interest to other non executive members. Clair is always available to discuss issues with any member and has an “open door” policy
- More timely communications, summarise key points and key changes in order to reduce reading



- Briefing notes from all Executive Members such as those produced periodically by Highways and Transport and Environment
- A quarterly Standing Committee, cross party, to discuss current portfolio issues (a “beer and sandwiches” meeting)
- Two way communications between Cabinet Members and Backbenchers
- Monthly briefings (written) need to be provided by each Cabinet Member with a portfolio along with a minimum of two informal briefings for all Members provided physically each year by Members not Officers. Currently we only get the Leader’s Report and occasional briefings mainly from the Cabinet Member for Environment
- Member Briefings, training sessions
- An easy list of names, contacts and departments
- Communication needs to be more focussed. Information Point is not fit for purpose and channels of communication via teams doesn’t work. We need to tear up what we currently do and design a new interface that focuses on key areas of the council’s operations. Backbenchers need to feel that they are part of the process and not there just to vote through what the executive have already decided. Hence timeliness of information is also extremely important.
- This assumes that it’s a priority of the executive. Cabinet member newsletters are welcome.
- Be more up to date and have better communication
- A more regular diary of Member briefings.
- A monthly email from the Leader and Cabinet would be helpful and it would be nice if he occasionally answered an email sent to him, I have given up emailing him.
- A greater degree of brief, but regular updates on the work of the council and progress on key projects, decisions

### **Governance**

- I would be interested to know the process from start to finish regarding decision making
- Review of the role and format of Cabinet Committees.
- Constructive discussion at cabinet committees and greater participation of events
- Communication is secondary to accountability, but under the system, portfolio holders are accountable only to the leader

## Section 2 – Member Development Scheduling



Section 2 of the survey asked Members about preferences on when Member Development sessions should help to accommodate our changing Member demography.

**Question 4** asked Members how often development sessions were to be scheduled:

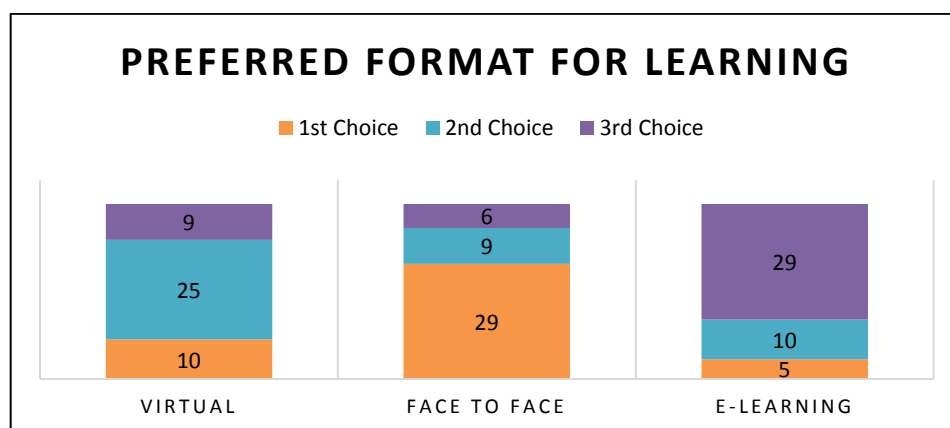
<b>Monthly</b>	12
<b>Every 2 months</b>	13
<b>Quarterly</b>	16
<b>Bi-Annually</b>	7
<b>Other:</b>	
<b>Annual</b>	2
<b>as required</b>	2
<b>no response</b>	3

The return demonstrated that Members were keen to have regular development sessions scheduled.

**Question 5** requested that Members provide their preferences on the format of development sessions. The options were virtual, face to face or via e-learning.

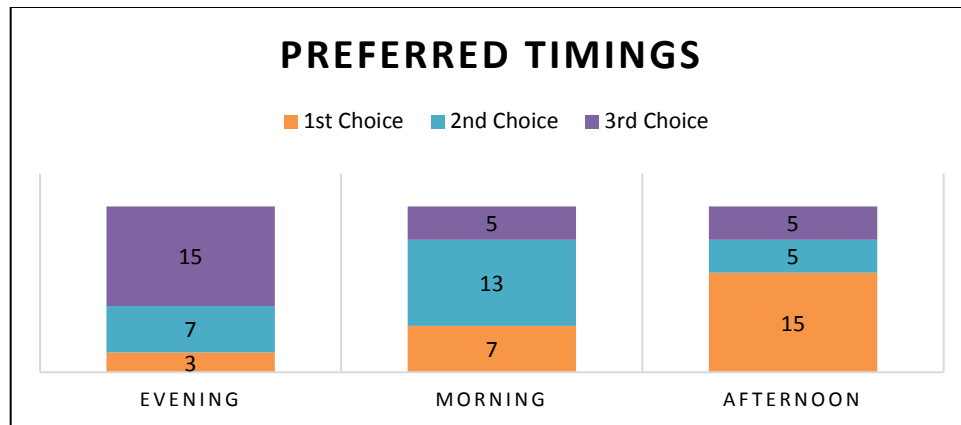
11 Members provided no preference, but many Members requested face to face learning, backed up with virtual learning to give the hybrid option as a preference.

	<b>1st Choice</b>	<b>2nd Choice</b>	<b>3rd Choice</b>
<b>Virtual</b>	10	25	9
<b>Face to Face</b>	29	9	6
<b>E-Learning</b>	5	10	29



**Question 6** asked Members to provide a preference on development session timings. The options were morning, afternoon or evening. This question stimulated the least interest from Members, with 30 Members stating no preference.

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
<b>Evening</b>	3	7	15
<b>Morning</b>	7	13	5
<b>Afternoon</b>	15	5	5



The Member demographic has changed over the years and to fully understand the other commitments that Members have, outside of their role as Councillor, we asked a series of questions to further assist in scheduling sessions to accommodate Member needs.

**Question 7** asked if Members have external work commitments outside of KCC:

<b>Yes</b>	34	62%
<b>No</b>	21	38%

**Question 8** elaborated on this question and provided feedback on how many hours a week were spent on their external work commitments:

<b>Up to 5 hours</b>	3	5%
<b>Between 6-10 hours</b>	10	18%
<b>Between 11-20 hours</b>	9	16%
<b>Full Time</b>	6	11%
<b>Not specified</b>	22	40%
<b>Other:</b>	5	9%
<b>Flexible as own business</b>		
<b>30 hours</b>		
<b>Various hours</b>		
<b>25 hours</b>		

**Question 9** requested additional feedback on scheduling development sessions to enable attendance without impacting on external work commitments. Responses included:

- Plenty of advance notice
- Virtual meeting at the start or end of the day so I can fit my work in before or after
- I do not have fixed hours apart from committee meetings. Give members two months notice to be able to change schedules and perhaps offer an additional session as repeat
- Will flex diary when necessary
- As so many members are now twin hatters, training needs where possible to be joint training with borough or districts. Once and done (ie planning)
- Mornings and virtual
- Have a flexible attitude towards scheduling and be ready to hold two sessions of a training/development session at different points in the week to maximise uptake
- Setting dates that are considerably in advance and not with just a few weeks notice
- Perhaps link development meetings to follow on from a committee meeting that the member is already attending
- Facilitate evening meetings
- More on Friday and 7-9
- Ensure that any training is recorded and uploaded to the members area of KNet
- External work should be flexible and KCC the priority
- Mornings from 0800, evenings from 1800, weekends
- Virtual plus plenty of notice
- I'm flexible although mornings would be better for me
- These could be scheduled on the alternative months from the bi-monthly committee cycle
- Plenty of warning
- Fit them around committees
- Good forward planning
- Make it in the evening
- Virtual meetings make it easier
- Plenty of notice of sessions as external work is flexible
- I can be flexible if given enough notice
- I am fortunate to be self employed and have others to cover my absence
- Sufficient notice and do not re-arrange confirmed dates

**Question 10** continued on the theme of Member commitments, but this time focussed on voluntary commitments outside of KCC:

Yes	40	73%
No	15	27%

**Question 11** elaborated on this question and provided feedback on how many hours a week were spent on their voluntary commitments:

<b>Up to 5 hours</b>	27	49%
<b>Between 6-10 hours</b>	8	15%
<b>Between 11-20 hours</b>	3	5%
<b>Full Time</b>	0	0%
<b>Not specified</b>	15	27%
<b>Other</b>	2	4%

**Question 12** requested additional feedback on scheduling development sessions to enable attendance without impacting on external work commitments. Responses included:

- Give as much notice as possible
- E-learning available on weekends with mix of virtual and face to face depending on subjects
- Setting dates for the year ahead
- My voluntary commitments are usually on evenings and at weekends, so would prefer to avoid either if possible. Maybe set a time each month would be good, every forth Friday afternoon for example
- Good forward planning – regular same time / day of the week
- Facilitate evening meetings
- Nothing through August. Weekends are optional
- Annual planners that enable members to plan ahead
- Negotiation with each member
- A number of members expressed a preference similar in nature to question 9.



### Section 3 – Tailored Training

Section 3 looked at individual requirements of Members in relation to learning and development and the elements of the Council that the Members wished to learn more about. Concluding with a final section on personal development.

**Question 13** asked if Members would be interested in completing a personal development plan:

Yes	32	58%
No	23	42%

**Question 14** focussed on who the Members would like to complete their personal development plans with. More than one option could be selected, and a number of members selected multiple options:

Individually	6
With my Group Leader	7
With a KCC Officer	14
With an Independent Person	8
Other	2
Provided no answer	23

One Member was unsure what the content of the plan would be and therefore deferred a choice until known.

Another Member, a Deputy Cabinet Member said they would like to learn from their Cabinet Member about development needs, alongside a separate plan for the day-to-day Member role.

**Question 15** asked if Members would be interested in completing psychometric testing, to which there was a mixed response:

Yes	29	53%
No	23	42%
No Response	3	5%

**Question 16** focussed on coaching and mentoring, looking at providing mentoring/coaching to Members and receiving coaching/mentoring from other Members.

<b>I would like to be a recipient of coaching/mentoring from another Member</b>	12	22%
<b>I would like to deliver coaching/mentoring to another Member</b>	12	22%
<b>No</b>	30	55%
<b>No Response</b>	1	2%

**Question 17** introduced the questionnaire to a focus on Council operating. We asked Members to select any areas where additional training/development would be welcomed. The options were tick box and preselected, with the ability to choose more than one answer:

<b>KCC Structures and Services</b>	26
<b>KCC's Strategic Priorities</b>	29
<b>Complaints Procedures</b>	13
<b>GDPR and Data Protection</b>	11
<b>KCC's Estate Management</b>	28
<b>KCC'S Relationship with External Agencies and Outside Bodies</b>	33
<b>Local Authority Trading Companies (LATCOs)</b>	21
<b>No responses</b>	8

**Question 18** elaborated on this topic and provided an open text box for Members to specify additional areas of interest, which included:

- More information on Highways and Development
- Overview and scrutiny. What does good scrutiny look like? Learn from best practice
- How to access archived minutes
- Sitting and debating issues with members to build up a rapport
- The council's relationship with the other two tiers of local government across Kent – what actually entails, what it could entail and how it could develop
- Who to contact about what. I was elected in 2021 and still don't know enough KCC staff job roles. Instead I contact the same people. I can ask Members Desk and do but sometimes you want your own knowledge of who to contact about certain issues
- I think helping members to implement change as a member to KCC should be a point of training and reflection for KCC

- I think members need to be better informed and able to communicate effectively with their own residents. Generally speaking, once elected, too many members retreat to the safety of county hall, and do not actively engage until 3 months before the next election. Training and development on communication skills, use of social media and effective public speaking would all be useful for many members across politics
- Would be interested in estates management and external agencies and outside bodies if only relevant to East Kent
- Making the public more informed about what the County Council provides
- Finances
- Media training
- Growth of Technology (AI/BB) in the working environment
- Additional training for speaking in meetings eg how to help with nerves, so more psychological
- Working with residents
- How the council works with other authorities such as district, town and parish councils
- Officer contacts in all areas
- Bridging the gaps between services that KCC provide but never interact with members
- Who's who and also maybe a bit more on the history of the organisation

**Question 19** looked at Governance and asked Members to select any areas where additional training/development would be welcomed. This question and question 20 will help form a tailored programme on governance relating to the Annual Governance Statement 2021 to 2022 actions. The options were tick box and preselected, with the ability to choose more than one answer:

<b>KCC Constitution</b>	13
<b>Member and Officer Roles and Responsibilities</b>	13
<b>Code of Conduct and Standards</b>	12
<b>Decision Making</b>	18
<b>Scrutiny Processes including call-ins</b>	22
<b>Outside Bodies Governance</b>	15
<b>Leadership Skills</b>	19
<b>Being an effective Opposition Member</b>	10
<b>The Role of Councillor</b>	6
<b>Role of a Committee Member</b>	7
<b>Being an effective Scrutiny Member</b>	13
<b>Local Government Finance</b>	17
<b>Budget Scrutiny Practices</b>	17
<b>No Response</b>	11



**Question 20** once again elaborated on this topic and provided an open text box for Members to specify areas of interest, which included:

- I would find it useful to have a 'manual' of some kind
- Again some relate to geography
- Community leadership and what we can and can't do
- Chairmanship skills would be good to add
- Crisis communication and communication in general
- Several months ago I was asked by two separate residents to represent them at a School Transport Appeal, both heard on the same day. I had never done this before, and I felt somewhat isolated as I was not sure what was expected of me and I could find no online resource. I was faced with detailed reports written by qualified officers and I felt the odds against me changing that outcome on behalf of my two residents were overwhelmingly stacked against me. In the end I spent many hours researching and preparing the case on behalf of my residents, and we won both appeals, much to my surprise. I think many members would have found this quite overwhelming, and I am not sure KCC appreciated the feeling of responsibility and duty in such situations
- Effective use of officers when dealing with casework
- Working with outside bodies and residents
- Scrutiny practices
- The interaction between County and District Councils – the overlap and decision making

**Question 21** asked Members which KCC directorates they would welcome additional information on the structure and remit of the directorate. Members could select more than one option:

<b>No training required</b>	16
<b>Adult Social Care and Health</b>	21
<b>Children Young People and Education</b>	22
<b>Growth, Environment and Transport</b>	23
<b>Chief Executive's Department</b>	23
<b>Deputy Chief Executive's Department</b>	16

**Question 22** provided an open text box for Members to specify areas of directorate interest, which included:

- Just more information as I have limited knowledge
- How to get things done by Kent Highways
- I would just like to know further details of how these departments work
- A better understanding
- How the priorities will change to meet future demand and expectations
- Powers and areas of influence externally
- Rules, laws and privacy. Information about what we should do with casework that arises and who best to go to for achieving the best outcomes. Also a greater understanding of how each directorate works and delivers their services and who is commissioned to deliver them
- What their roles are
- The decision making processes and funding / budget processes
- How the executive are dealing with the issues
- Who does what
- Service areas, procurement, finance
- More indepth knowledge
- How the departments work and their processes eg today I found out the process for 'putting in' yellow lines. Far more complicated than just painting a line
- Understanding future changes to the services
- How they work, chain of command
- How I can be a better advocate for my residents
- Greater understanding of the work undertaken and how that links to other areas
- No training required due to directorate briefings
- Anything, really. Training/induction sessions for the 2021 intake were of varying quality - perhaps chiefly due to Covid restrictions - but, in any case, refreshers are needed and taking in information for those who were new is always a challenge
- Please do not read this as a facetious answer - but 'you don't know what you don't know!' I suppose a better overview of each department, how they interact with other directorates and outside bodies eg NHS, schools etc. How to contact them (without first having a named individual that you can find on Teams)
- CYPE in depth study on the figures and percentages
- How they interact to prevent silo working.
- Directorates links with outside organisation such football clubs, musical clubs and work being undertaken. We can assist with promotion.
- Where possible, training should be delivered by independent bodies e.g. LGA to get a fresh perspective.
- Key contacts, structures
- I don't know what I don't know!
- Function and effectiveness
- A greater understanding of the role and function of the CE in the running / planning of KCC activities

- More in depth knowledge
- I have little dealings with these departments so I'd value a quick refresher and most importantly how to deal with casework raised by residents in these areas.

**Question 23** provided a focus on communication skills and opportunities for further learning. The options were preselected and enabled Members to offer to share expertise if able:

	No training required	I would welcome further training	I would welcome further training have skills/expertise to share	I have expertise to share	Not specified
Communicating Effectively - Ensuring equality, diversity and inclusion	21	20	5	2	7
Reporting writing and presentation skills	19	26	3	1	6
Influencing / negotiating skills	19	25	7	0	4
Conflict Management	21	22	6	2	4
Public Speaking	22	22	7	2	2
Facilitating Discussions	23	17	7	1	7
Questioning Skills	19	24	9	0	3

**Question 24** asked if Members had additional suggestions for Communication Skills training, these included:

- Reading body language
- Social media skills
- How to deal with media intrusion and/or cope with sudden, intense public interest/scrutiny/campaign against you
- Per previous answers, while I may not have a specific need, I would always want to have the opportunity to undertake any training offered
- Community relationships and communication
- How to launch member initiatives

**Question 25** provided a focus on personal skills and opportunities for further learning. The options were preselected and enabled Members to offer to share expertise if able:

	No training required	I would welcome further training	I would welcome further training have skills/expertise to share	I have expertise to share	No response
Personal Safety	31	13	2	1	8
Stress Management	31	16	3	0	5
Chairing Skills	20	23	5	1	6
Time Management including workload prioritisation	27	18	4	0	6
Problem Solving Skills	26	16	7	0	6
Wellbeing / Mental Health Awareness	28	16	5	1	5
Media and Comms Training	17	27	5	1	5
Developing Inclusive Practices	24	17	5	0	9
Research Skills	25	14	9	0	7
Report Analysis	19	23	5	0	8
Plain English, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	31	13	4	1	6
Speed Reading	20	24	4	1	6

**Question 26** asked if Members had additional suggestions for Personal Skills training, these included:

- Social media management and protocols
- Safeguarding, being aware of surroundings and not being in one to one situations
- How to launch member initiatives

**Question 27** provided asked Members about learning opportunities on ICT further learning. The options were preselected and more than one option could be selected:

Mod.gov (Committee System)	16
Outlook	8
Email Management	11
Teams	7
Word	4
Excel	10
Knet	13
No response	20



**Question 28** asked Members to elaborate on additional ICT learning and development requirements. These included:

- Downloading apps and searching for the right apps
- Social media
- Best use of apps and systems on the laptop for managing and editing documents
- Expenses software

#### Section 4 – Learning and Development Communication

**Question 29** requested that Members specify how we should inform them of future training and development opportunities. Members could tick all that apply:

Email	54
Knet	4
Newsletter	4
Microsoft Teams	5
Noticeboard	5
via Groups	2
Other	3
No response	1

Other responses included face to face notification, text message and telephone options.

**Question 30** was the final question and provided an open field section for Members to provide any additional feedback or suggestions, these included:

- I think this is long overdue as I have been a member for 2 years and have had no training at all referencing to the above
- With regards to Mod.gov it is to do with the lack of access to confidential annex which is the problem
- Excellent questionnaire
- We need to be more focussed around induction and continuing training in key areas while then offering developmental choices that build specialisms
- Please consider making training in smaller groups, little and often to allow good interaction

## **Member Development Questionnaire**

### **About you and your role within KCC**

1. In relation to Member Roles as defined in the Constitution are you an:  
(please select all that apply)
  - Executive Member
  - Non-Executive Member
  - Opposition Member
2. What do you think your role is in relation to Council Governance?
3. How can communication between Executive and Non-Executive Members be improved?

### **Member Development Scheduling**

4. How often would you like KCC to schedule development sessions?
  - Monthly
  - Every two months
  - Quarterly
  - Bi-annually
  - Other
5. In order of preference (with 1 being your top choice), what would be your preferred format for future Member development sessions?
  - Virtual
  - Face to Face
  - E-learning
6. In order of preference (with 1 being your top choice), when would you like KCC to schedule Member development sessions?
  - Morning
  - Afternoon
  - Evening
7. Do you have work commitments outside of KCC?
  - Yes
  - No
8. On average, how many hours per week are spent on your external work commitments?
  - Up to 5 hours
  - Between 6 and 10 hours
  - Between 11 and 20 hours
  - Full time
  - Other
9. Do you have any feedback on the best way for KCC to schedule future Member Development sessions to enable you to attend without impacting your external work commitments?
10. Do you have any voluntary commitments outside of KCC?



11. On average, how many hours per week are spent on your voluntary commitments?
- Up to 5 hours
  - Between 6 and 10 hours
  - Between 11 and 20 hours
  - Full time
  - Other
12. Do you have any feedback on the best way for KCC to schedule future Member development sessions to enable you to attend without impacting your voluntary commitments?

### **Tailored Training**

13. Would you be interested in completing a personal development plan?
- Yes
  - No
14. Please let us know how you would like to complete your personal development plan
- Individually
  - With my Group Leader
  - With a KCC Officer
  - With an independent person/organisation
  - Other
15. Would you be interested in completing psychometric testing?
- Yes
  - No
16. Would you be interested in coaching/mentoring opportunities?
- No
  - I would like to be a recipient of coaching/mentoring from another Member
  - I would like to deliver coaching/mentoring to another Member
17. Member Development needs – “How the Council works” – please select any areas where you would welcome additional training/development
- KCC Structures and Services
  - KCC’s Strategic Priorities
  - Complaints Procedures
  - GDPR and Data Protection
  - KCC’s Estate Management
  - KCC’s Relationships with External Agencies and Outside Bodies
  - Local Authority Trading Companies (LATCOs)
18. Are there any topics that you would like additional training/development on, which are not covered in the “How the Council works” section above? If so, please let them below.
19. Member Development Needs – Governance - please select any areas where you would welcome additional training/development
- KCC Constitution
  - Member and Officer Roles and Responsibilities
  - Code of Conduct and Standards

- Decision Making
  - Scrutiny Processes including Call-Ins
  - Outside Bodies Governance
  - Leadership Skills
  - Being an effective Opposition Member
  - The Role of Councillor
  - Role of Committee Member
  - Being an effective Scrutiny Member
  - Local Government Finance
  - Budget Scrutiny Practices
20. Are there any topics that you would like training/development on, which are not covered in the “Governance” section above? If so please list them below.
21. Would you like tailored training/further information on the role of the KCC directorates? Please complete the question selecting any directorates where you would welcome additional training and information on the structure and remit of the directorate. This could include key contacts, casework reporting routes, etc.
- No training required
  - Adult, Social Care and Health (ASCH)
  - Children Young People and Education (CYPE)
  - Growth, Environment and Transport (GET)
  - Chief Executive’s Department (CED)
  - Deputy Chief Executive’s Department (DCED)
22. What information would you like to know about the directorates you have selected?
23. Member Development needs – “Communication skills” - Please complete the following questions by selecting any areas where you would welcome additional training/development, and any skills or knowledge that you already have that you would be willing to share with other Members
- Communicating effectively, ensuring equality, diversity and inclusion
  - Reporting writing and presentation skills
  - Influencing/negotiating skills
  - Conflict Management
  - Public speaking
  - Facilitating discussions
  - Questioning skills
24. Are there any other topics that you would like additional training/development on, which are not covered in the “Communication skills” section above? If so, please list them below.
25. Member Development needs “Personal Skills” - Please complete the following questions by selecting any areas where you would welcome additional training/development, and any skills or knowledge that you already have that you would be willing to share with other Members
- Personal safety
  - Stress management
  - Chairing skills – this could be for an existing Chairing role or to prepare for future opportunities

- Time management including workload prioritisation
  - Problem solving skills
  - Wellbeing/ mental health awareness
  - Media and comms training
  - Developing inclusive practices (ensuring consideration of equality and diversity)
  - Research skills
  - Report analysis
  - Plain English, spelling, punctuation and grammar
  - Speed reading
26. Are there any topics that you would like additional training/development on, which are not covered in the “Personal Skills” section above? If so, please list them below.
27. Member Development needs – ICT – please select any areas where you would welcome additional training/development
- Mod.gov (committee paper system)
  - Microsoft outlook (emails)
  - Email management including data protection
  - Microsoft Teams
  - Microsoft Word
  - Microsoft Excel
  - KNet
28. Are there any other ICT applications/tools that you would like additional training on, which are not covered in the “ICT” section above? If so, please list them.

### **Learning and Development Communication**

29. How would you like to be informed of future training/development opportunities?
- Email
  - KNet
  - Newsletter
  - Microsoft Teams
  - Noticeboard in Sessions House
  - Via Groups
  - Other

### **Any other feedback**

30. Please use this space to list any additional comments, training areas or suggestions which have not already been addressed.

### **List of Respondents**

Neil Baker	Mike Baldock	Paul Barrington-King
Paul Bartlett	David Beaney	Trevor Bond
Andy Booth	Alister Brady	David Brazier
Becki Bruneau	Steve Campkin	Tom Cannon
Susan Carey	Sue Chandler	Nick Chard
Perry Cole	Penny Cole	Nigel Collor
Gary Cooke	Derek Crow-Brown	Mel Dawkins
Mike Dendor	Lesley Game	Roger Gough
Sarah Hamilton	Jenni Hawkins	Mike Hill, OBE
Tony Hills	Sarah Hohler	Mark Hood
Sarah Hudson	Dylan Jeffrey	Andrew Kennedy
Rich Lehmann	Barry Lewis	Steve Manion
Margot McArthur	James McInroy	Jackie Meade
Derek Murphy	Peter Oakford	Lottie Parfitt-Reid
Shellina Prendergast	Oliver Richardson	Alan Ridgers
Avtar Sandhu, MBE	Charlie Simkins	Mike Sole
Paul Stepto	Dr Lauren Sullivan	Bryan Sweetland
Robert Thomas	Simon Webb	Mike Whiting
John Wright		

### **Respondents that completed after deadline**

Clair Bell  
Rosalind Binks  
Dan Watkins

\*Chris Passmore was not elected at the time of the survey.

By: Ben Watts, General Counsel  
To: Selection and Member Services Committee – 19 October 2023  
Subject: KCC Combined Member Grants  
Classification: Unrestricted

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## 1. Combined Member Grants

- 1.1 As part of its Terms of Reference, this Committee is responsible for monitoring expenditure relating to Members allowances, expenses and services, and any Member Grants Schemes. Following the financial closedown period and analysis of the grants processed during the 2022/23 period, a report is now available for your information and attached as an appendix.
- 1.2 The publishing of details of grants to the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector is mandatory under the publication scheme (s19 FOIA) and Local Government Transparency Code 2015. Information should be published at least annually.
- 1.3 The only exception to this is during the Pre-Election Period, where the information will be removed.
- 1.4 Many grants were awarded in the last financial year supporting a variety of organisations and thanks are given to Ollie Streatfield, Lucy Bigwood, Grace Kukkola, Jenny Leagas, Dilpreet Sall and Katie Southworth from the Member Hub team and Janet Kent from Business Support for their work in processing the grants in line with guidelines. Additionally, the team along with Jackie Hicks, were instrumental in the production of this report.

## 2. Covid-19 Local Recovery Fund Grants 2021/22

- 2.1 During the presentation of the 2021/22 grants, Committee Members highlighted that the Covid-19 Local Recovery Fund Grants had not been formally presented; to ensure that they are formally recorded, the information is presented as an appendix.

### **Recommendation:**

The Committee is requested to:

- note the grant recipient list for the Combined Member Grants 2022/23;
- note the Covid-19 Local Recovery Fund Grants 2021/22; and
- approve the upload to the KCC website.

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Appendix:

List of Combined Member Grants 2022/23  
List of Covid-19 Local Recovery Fund Grants 2021/22

Combined Member Grants 2022-23

Overall Summary

537 grants were awarded in 2022/23, the total amount of funding awarded was £711,711.25

Excluding Highways Grants, during this period 206 grants were awarded to previous recipients of a Combined Member Grant and 292 new recipients were reached:

- Charities – 166
- Church / Faith Groups – 33
- Community Groups – 70
- KCC Services - 5
- Kent Highways – 39
- Not for Profit – 39
- District, Parish and Town Councils – 97
- Schools – 56
- Sports Organisations – 32



A range of projects and initiatives were funded and are categorised as follows:

- adult social care initiatives - £3,800
- assistive equipment and technology projects - £724
- business support services - £4,020
- community development projects - £181,922.09
- community safety initiatives - £7,500
- culture and heritage initiatives - £146,290.19
- early years projects - £2,873.97
- environmental, highway and routine maintenance initiatives - £9,300
- family support services projects - £5,020.28
- mental health support projects - £1,729
- open spaces projects - £75,820.49
- primary school projects – £39,002.82
- public health initiatives - £22,170.08
- public transport operator initiatives - £2,500
- secondary school projects - £2,270
- sport and recreation projects - £118,543.39
- streetlighting projects - £8,095.08
- traffic management and road safety projects - £77,508.58
- winter services preparations - £2,621.28

## Ashford – Member Grant Funding Breakdown of Spend

In total 54 grants were awarded for the 2022/23 period by Ashford Members. Of which:

- 13 grants were awarded to charities
- 3 grants were awarded to church / faith groups
- 7 grants were awarded to community groups
- 3 grants were awarded to not-for-profit organisations
- 19 grants were awarded to District, Parish or Town Councils
- 3 grants were awarded to schools
- 3 grants were awarded to sports organisations
- 3 grants were awarded to Kent Highways

With the exclusion of Kent Highways, 19 Grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years, with the remaining 32 organisations new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Ashford Member's Annual Member Grant Spend and roll forward figure for 2023/24 period:

- **Paul Bartlett – Ashford Central**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £10,000 with a £0 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Clair Bell – Ashford Rural East**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £16,233 with a £1,317 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Steve Campkin – Ashford East**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £11,780 with a £8,220 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Mike Hill, OBE – Tenterden**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £12,967 with a £719.50 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **David Robey – Ashford Rural South**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £7,249.73 with a £2,750.27 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Dirk Ross – Ashford South**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £0 with a £20,000 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Charlie Simkins – Ashford Rural West**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £12,274.20 with a £4,725.80 roll forward figure for 2023/24*

Total Ashford Member Spend for 2022/23 - £70,503.93

- £14,272 for community development initiatives
- £18,595 for culture & heritage initiatives
- £10,100 for open spaces projects
- £1,701 for primary school projects
- £2,774.20 for public health initiatives
- £4,718 for sport and recreation projects
- £18,004.73 for traffic management and road safety projects
- £339 for winter services preparations



## COMMUNITY MEMBER GRANTS

Clair Bell

### **Molash Village Hall (22-AS-2)**

#### **Ceiling Repair**

**£2000**

The village hall, built in 1932, provides a safe, warm space for residents to gather for social occasions and provides an after-school club that offers structured play, warm food and a safe place to be. The grant was used to contribute toward the costs of supplying and fitting ceiling boards in the main hall including associated timberwork.

### **Mersham Parish Council (22-AS-8)**

#### **Mersham Jubilee Celebration**

**£305**

The project provided a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the village of Mersham, which has a strong sense of identity and pride in its community, along with a strong tradition of village events which encourage participation and strengthen the community. The grant was used to purchase materials for the celebration, including bunting, banners and flags.

### **Chilham Parish Council (22-AS-9)**

#### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration**

**£2000**

The project provided a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a street party for the parish, which consists of the villages of Chilham, Old Wives Lees and Shottenden. The event provided an opportunity to bring the three villages together and build community. The grant was used for an interactive theatre, stage, lighting/sound rental and hiring of live bands.

### **Mersham Parish Council (22-AS-11)**

#### **Highways Improvements**

**£2000**

This project provided the residents of Mersham with a 30mph sign which extends to the built-up areas of the parish. The project also provided safer access to the Sports Ground and to Church Road/Bower Road. The grant contributed towards the costs of the 30mph extension, gateway, signage and lining.

### **Godmersham & Crundale Village Hall (22-AS-15)**

#### **Jubilee Celebration BBQ & Film Night**

**£450**

The project provided a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a Jubilee film night and BBQ, offering a community event where villagers could come together, enjoy each other's company and celebrate this historic event. The grant was used to hire a mobile cinema company and to contribute to the provision of refreshments at the event.

### **Crundale Parish Council (22-AS-18)**

#### **Jubilee and Fair**

**£400**

The project provided a parish celebration and fair for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, helping to mark a once in a lifetime event. The grant was used to contribute towards the costs of a children's entertainer and magician, thirty jubilee mugs for children under 18 years of age and for Ashford Youth Band to perform at the event.

**Brabourne Parish Council (22-AS-22)**

**Allotment Track Improvements**

**£2000**

The project provided funding to improve access to the community allotment. The allotments provide an opportunity for residents to safely undertake gardening and experience the wellbeing that kitchen gardening is understood to provide.

**LED by the Wild CIC (22-AS-26)**

**Showing the Way: Our Woodlands Walk Signage Project**

**£1500**

The grant was used to contribute to the costs of interactive signs to describe the flora and fauna for visitors to enjoy and engage with, as well as to show the way. An example of the signage included a sign in the bee garden to help identify the bees and show how to protect and support them.

**Brook Parish Council (22-AS-29)**

**Defibrillator**

**£1000**

The grant provided a contribution towards a defibrillator and cabinet for the benefit of the community and anyone visiting the area.

**Dads Unlimited (22-AS-36) Multi-District Award**

**Promotional Materials**

**£1000 (£3,050 total)**

Dads Unlimited is a charity supporting male victims of domestic abuse, males at risk of harm or with poor mental health. They support separated fathers, males experiencing family breakdown or males unable to gain meaningful contact with their children. The grant was used to contribute to production costs for promotional materials to raise awareness of their services and to help reach more people in need.

**Step Out Community Outdoor Learning, Training & Therapy CIC (22-AS-37)**

**Funded Holiday Club Positions for disadvantaged children**

**£400**

This organisation offers holiday clubs, focusing on the Forest School ethos during term breaks for primary aged children. The grant provided funded places to disadvantaged children in the area, who would not have been able to attend otherwise.

**Brook Community Primary School (22-AS-38)**

**The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain – Barney & Echo, Caught in the Web Project**

**£390**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

**Aldington & Bonnington Parish Council (22-AS-50)**

**Aldington Meadows Refurbishment**

**£1000**

Aldington Meadows was built approximately eleven years ago and has a small play area for under eights. A need was identified for a multi-use games area to be open and free for all to use and the grant contributed towards the costs of cables for a new zip wire in the area.

**Chilham Parish Council (22-AS-52)**  
**King Charles III Coronation Celebration**  
**£1000**

The parish council applied for funds for a street party for the villages of Chilham, Old Wives Lees and Shottenden to offer residents the opportunity to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles as a community. The grant contributed towards the costs of an interactive theatre, stage, lighting/sound rental and hiring of live bands.

**Aldington Tennis Club (22-AS-53)**  
**Junior Training Pilot**  
**£788**

The pilot programme focussed on improving the opportunities for local children by helping to develop an interest in tennis and develop their skills in the sport. The grant contributed towards the costs of coaching and the hire of the hall for the project.

Steve Campkin

**Willesborough Baptist Church (22-AS-20)**  
**Community Hub Renovation**  
**£500**

Willesborough Baptist Church wished to renovate and develop an old hall to provide a community facility for a range of activities, including a parents and toddler group, a youth group and a winter night shelter. The project included the installation of a false ceiling to improve insulation and lighting, and a new floor to replace the old dirty and worn-out carpet, along with new bifold doors to allow the room to be partitioned. The grant contributed to the costs of the new flooring.

**Ashford Invicta Singers (22-AS-25)**  
**The Singers Forward Project**  
**£500**

This project is to support the future of the choir, who are self-funded and perform concerts solely to raise funds for charities. Over its 25-year history, the choir has donated over £100,000 to charity. The grant contributed towards the costs of new sheet music to allow the choir to continue to perform charity concerts in the Ashford area.

**South Willesborough & Newton Community Council (22-AS-31)**  
**Gas House Fields Allotments – Disabled Access**  
**£1600**

The project at Gas House Fields is a living workshop allotment, teaching skills and providing produce for the local foodbank. It is a community allotment with a shed and tools so all can access and benefit from working with others. The grant contributed towards providing all-weather, year-round, disabled access pathways and disabled access parking.

**Willesborough Baptist Church (22-AS-34)**  
**Community Fridge**  
**£1000**

The Community Fridge is a partnership project working with people and communities to stay connected, share food and reduce food waste. It aims to provide a warm and inviting space, free food and Wi-Fi for those who need it and links with other food banks in the area. The grant contributed to the set-up costs of the project, including the purchase of a fridge.

### **East Stour Primary School (22-AS-39)**

#### **The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain – Barney & Echo, Caught in the Web Project**

**£780**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and promotes discussion between children, their peers, teachers and parents on internet safety. It looks at the possible dangers of the internet, including online bullying and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

### **Ashford United Football Club U11 Disability Team (22-AS-41)**

#### **Knockhatch Adventure**

**£1000**

The U11 Disability Team provided a trip for team members to visit Knockhatch Adventure Park as an additional opportunity to socialise with the other members and to access the activities. The trip included carer support and transport for members of the team. The grant contributed towards the cost of entry to the adventure park and coach hire.

### **Willesborough WI Hall Trustees (22-AS-44)**

#### **Disabled Access**

**£2000**

The hall is used by many community groups that deliver services to the local community, including older and vulnerable residents and households in financial crisis or in food and fuel poverty. The hall has no car park or street parking, and the project created two disabled car parking spaces. The grant contributed to the costs of permeable hard landscaping and soft landscaping of the parking area.

### **Indians in Ashford (22-AS-48)**

#### **Holi '2023**

**£2550**

Holi is an ancient Hindu festival which has been celebrated for over 3000 years. The festival teaches that everyone is equal, and it is an opportunity for whole communities to come together and celebrate. The grant contributed to the costs of venue hire, provision of a DJ, decoration, marketing and colour powder packets.

### **Willesborough Meeting Point (22-AS-49)**

#### **Coronation Lunch**

**£350**

Willesborough Meeting Point is a weekly meeting group for retired members of the community, offering a warm meeting place to enjoy the company of others, a cup of coffee or tea and biscuits. Activities include bingo, quizzes and a raffle. The project was to organise a lunch to celebrate the Coronation of the King and mark this historic occasion. The grant contributed to the costs of refreshments for the lunch.

### **Biddenden Strummers Ukulele Group (22-AS-51)**

#### **Amplification**

**£500**

The Group offers residents the opportunity to get together to sing and learn to play the ukulele. The club also perform in care homes, for dementia groups, over 60s clubs and at other local events, providing song sheets for the audience and basic percussion instruments. The project provided the amplification equipment needed to be able to perform outside or in large venues. The grant contributed towards the cost of purchasing equipment, including amplifiers and microphones.

### **Ashford Salvation Army (22-AS-54)**

#### **Community Relief**

**£1000**

This established food bank has seen a marked increase in demand from the community and has also faced increased costs for stocking the foodbank and providing refreshments. The project was to seek additional funds to allow the foodbank to continue to operate. The grant contributed to restocking the foodbank and providing a hot lunch for struggling residents.

Mike Hill, OBE



### **Tenterden Town Council (22-AS-3)**

#### **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

**£1000**

Tenterden Town Council staged a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over four days by providing a series of events which were open to the public and free to attend. The events included the lighting of the town's beacon, a market showcasing local businesses and producers and a Big Jubilee Lunch with music. The grant contributed to the costs of materials for the events.

### **Smallhythe Parochial Church Council (22-AS-5)**

#### **2022 Flower Festival**

**£200**

St John's Church is the only public building in the village and serves as the centre of the community. The project hosted the biannual flower festival to highlight the work of the church and bring the community together, as well as to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the rebuilding of the church after a fire. The grant contributed towards the costs of flowers and other materials for the festival. The amount authorised fell below the grant minimum threshold level but was approved by the Cabinet Member.

### **Tenterden Folk Day Trust/Tenterden Folk Festival (22-AS-7)**

#### **The Wilson Family at Tenterden Folk Festival 2022**

**£1300**

Tenterden Folk Festival is the only music and arts festival in Tenterden and one of the longest running and most popular in Ashford. The audience includes people of all ages and backgrounds and is a mix of local people and visitors, with the music reflecting this. The grant supported the hiring of The Wilson Family, a folk music group singing and performing a cappella folk songs.

### **Tenterden Schools Trust (22-AS-13)**

#### **First Aid Training for Children**

**£531**

The project provided first aid training for all primary schools within the trust to enable children to support their families, their school and their local communities, as well as strengthen their self-confidence and resilience. The grant contributed to the costs of CPR courses and defibrillator use.

### **St Michael's Community Group (22-AS-14)**

#### **Tributes in the Park**

**£500**

The project supported the 'Tributes in the Park' festival, which is a free event that has been running for several years and enables the community to come together and enjoy music from professional tribute acts with family and friends. The grant contributed towards the cost of staging and lighting/sound equipment.

**Tenterden Social Hub (Formerly Tenterden & District Day Centre) (22-AS-19)**  
**Essential Repairs to the Day Centre Building**  
**£3168**

The Social Hub supports older, disabled and vulnerable adults to lead independent lives and avoid isolation. The project repaired the roof of the building, which had been damaged in Storm Eunice. The grant contributed towards the costs of removing the existing damaged roof and installing a new DPM rubber roof covering.

**Wealden Festival Foundation (22-AS-21)**  
**Wealden Literary Festival**  
**£500 (Sharing with David Robey - £500)**

Wealden Literary Festival delivers a wide variety of talks, debates, creative workshops and hands-on outdoor events. It offers residencies for several local artists and writers, and helps develop creative skills and improve literacy, as well as promoting learning and outdoor play. The grant contributed towards the costs of equipment hire for the festival.

**Spirit of Tenterden CIC (22-AS-28)**  
**Spirit of Tenterden 2022 Festival**  
**£2000**

The festival supports and promotes businesses and community organisations in Tenterden as well as providing an enjoyable entertainment for the residents. The grant contributed towards the costs of security for the 3000 people who were expected to attend the event.

**Caring Altogether on Romney Marsh (22-AS-35)**  
**Meeting Points (Tenterden Area)**  
**£500**

This project, already in existence, addresses the needs of older people by providing accessible services in the community to improve health and wellbeing and supporting them in remaining independent. The grant contributed to the costs of running the meeting points and arranging trips and events.

**Kenardington Parish Council (22-AS-42)**  
**VH Refurbishment – Phase 2**  
**£1459**

This project refurbished the Village Hall to improve facilities, accessibility and increase usage. The Village Hall has already benefitted from an extension to the kitchen and floor levelling throughout. The grant contributed to the costs of removing and updating the heating system.

**Stone Community Recreation Group (22-AS-45)**  
**Play and Wildlife Fields**  
**£430**

The project updated the community field to create a place for people of all ages to come together. The project saw the play equipment renewed, the creation of an all-weather path, the building of bug hotels and hosting community days. The grant contributed to the costs of wheel kits for heavy sports equipment.

### **Tenterden & District Museum (22-AS-47)**

#### **The Wild Escape**

**£1040**

This project was designed to connect schools to their local museums and art galleries. It uses the museum's resources to explore the connections between wildlife and the challenges faced in finding the ideal environment for a species to survive. The grant contributed to the costs of the storytelling and arts sessions, including provision of materials for participants.

David Robey

### **Woodchurch Carnival Group (22-AS-1)**

#### **Platinum Jubilee & Village Carnival**

**£1500**

The project staged a fully inclusive carnival to bring the village together. The carnival is planned to take place on a biannual basis, the first taking place in 2022 with future events being self-funded. Equipment purchased for the carnival would be deemed village assets and available for hire by the community to help generate revenue. The grant contributed to the costs of the funfair and children's attractions.

### **Shadoxhurst Speedwatch/Shadoxhurst Parish Council (22-AS-16)**

#### **Speedwatch**

**£1385**

The project is a joint police/resident scheme to help reduce the speed of vehicles using the roads. There was an existing device to record speed, but a new device was needed to be able to read speeds further away, therefore making it safer for the operators. The grant contributed to the costs of the new device.

### **Wealden Festival Foundation (22-AS-21)**

#### **Wealden Literary Festival**

**£500 (Sharing with Mike Hill, OBE - £500)**

Wealden Literary Festival delivers a wide variety of talks, debates, creative workshops and hands-on outdoor events. It offers residencies for several local artists and writers, and helps develop creative skills and improve literacy, as well as promoting learning and outdoor play. The grant contributed towards the costs of equipment hire for the festival.

### **Woodchurch Driving Group (22-AS-23)**

#### **Upgrading equipment in line with group development and meeting increased needs of the disabled drivers**

**£745**

Woodchurch Driving Group provides a carriage driving experience and therapy for disabled adults with a range of physical and learning disabilities. They required additional equipment to support the growth of the group and to help with the smooth running of the weekly driving sessions. The grant provided a range of additional equipment including reins, trickle hay nets and lead ropes.

### **Hamstreet Victory Hall Funds (22-AS-30)**

#### **Patio**

**£1000**

The project improved facilities at the Hamstreet Victory Hall. The grant contributed towards the costs of providing a patio to allow for outdoor seating for the benefit of the community as well as those hiring the hall.

**Ruckinge Parish Council (22-AS-32)**  
**Carter's Field Play Area Refurbishment**  
**£1000**

The project revitalised a neglected play area for the benefit of local families. The local community volunteered to cutback overgrown hedges and cut the grass to make the area more useable. The grant contributed to the costs of purchasing additional play equipment.

**Dads Unlimited (22-AS-36) Multi-District Award**  
**Promotional Materials**  
**£500 (£3,050 Total)**

Dads Unlimited is a charity supporting male victims of domestic abuse, males at risk of harm or with poor mental health. They support separated fathers, males experiencing family breakdown or males unable to gain meaningful contact with their children. The grant was used to contribute to production costs for promotional materials to raise awareness of their services and to help reach more people in need.

**Ruckinge Parish Council (22-AS-43)**  
**Village Hall Refurbishment**  
**£500**

The project refreshed the village hall décor to boost bookings, as well as encourage use by groups and the wider community. The grant contributed to the costs of new blinds, paint and materials to refresh the hall.

Charlie Simkins

**Egerton Parish Council (22-AS-4)**  
**Music Festival**  
**£500**

The festival is held every three years and involves many in the community as performers, volunteers or as attendees. It aims to encourage young people to learn about different kinds of music. The grant contributed to the costs of promoting the festival, including the re-design and development of the festival website.

**Bethersden Cricket Club (22-AS-12)**  
**Grant for a Defibrillator AED**  
**£1774.20**

The project provided a defibrillator for the benefit of the community and anyone visiting the area. The grant was used to contribute towards the costs of purchasing a defibrillator and cabinet, as well as installation costs.

**Pluckley Parish Council (22-AS-17)**  
**Pluckley Tennis Court Resurfacing**  
**£2500**

The project refurbished the tennis court, which had started to break down after more than 20 years of use, leaving loose gravel on the surface of the court, making the courts slippery and unsafe to use. The grant contributed to the costs of resurfacing the court.



**Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council (22-AS-24)**

**Allotment Security Improvements**

**£1000**

The project created a more secure site for allotment holders and to ensure only authorised people were able to enter the site. The grant was used to purchase fencing materials and contributed to the cost of installing the fence.

**Little Chart Parish Council (22-AS-27)**

**20mph in The Street/Highways Improvement**

**£2000**

The project supported the implementation of a 20-mph zone in The Street to benefit residents and more vulnerable road users. Speed Sensor Data had been obtained and agreement reached for a phased implementation of a '20mph for the Street' improvement scheme. The grant contributed to the costs of a design assessment.

**Egerton Parish Council (22-AS-33)**

**Extension of Children's Play Area**

**£2000**

The project improved the facilities at a local play area due to the existing play area being too small and unable to accommodate the number of children using the site during busy times. There is a long-term plan in place to improve the area and the grant contributed towards the initial phase which included the purchase and installation of a new stand-up seesaw.

**Westwell Parish Council (22-AS-40)**

**Westwell HIP (Highway Improvement Plan) Works**

**£2500**

This project was to deliver the works stage of a parish highways improvement plan (HIP), after the drawings and consultations were completed. The grant contributed to the costs of these works, which consisted of installing a gateway sign entrance on the most used entrance to the village, new road markings and repeater signs along the 30mph section of Sandyhurst Lane.

## Highways Member Grants

Paul Bartlett

### **Highways (22-KHS-AS-10)**

#### **Bybrook Road 20mph Scheme – Part 2**

**£10,000**

Contribution to scheme construction costs for a 20mph zone scheme with associated signing and roundels for Bybrook Road, The Pasture and adjoining roads. The scheme included a raised table at the site of the existing zebra crossing, and an advisory cycle lane.

Mike Hill, OBE

### **Highways (22-KHS-AS-55)**

#### **St Michael's Salt Bin**

**£339**

The grant provided a salt bin near St Michael and All Angels Church for use by the community during the winter maintenance period.



David Robey

### **Highways (22-KHS-AS-46)**

#### **Magpie Hall Road**

**£119.73**

The grant provided funding to install a new village sign to enhance the entrance to the village and reinforce the change in environment.

## Canterbury – Member Grant Funding Breakdown of Spend

In total 52 grants were awarded for the 2022/23 period by Canterbury Members. Of which:

- 12 grants were awarded to charities
- 3 grants were awarded to church/faith groups
- 4 grants were awarded to community groups
- 6 grants was awarded to not-for-profit organisations
- 10 grants were awarded to District, Parish or Town Councils
- 6 grants were awarded to schools
- 6 grants were awarded to sports organisations
- 5 grants were awarded to Kent Highways

With the exclusion of Kent Highways, 15 Grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years, with the remaining 32 organisations new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Canterbury Member's Annual Member Grant Spend and roll forward figure for 2023/24 period:

- **Neil Baker – Whitstable East & Herne Bay West**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £6,475 with a £13,525 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Alister Brady – Canterbury City North**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £6,910.77 with a £9,089.23 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Mark Dance – Whitstable West**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £0 with a £19,000 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Mel Dawkins – Canterbury City South**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £11,794.88 with a £6,955.12 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Alan Marsh – Herne Village & Sturry**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £11,780 with a £6,570 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Mike Sole – Canterbury South**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £10,803.09 with a £6,002.91 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Robert Thomas – Canterbury North**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £8,580.59 with a £11,419.41 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Dan Watkins – Herne Bay East**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £2,000 with a £16,750 roll forward figure for 2023/24*

Total Canterbury Member Spend for 2022/23 - £58,344.33

- £1,000 for adult social care initiatives
- £9,744.88 for community development projects
- £1,000 for community safety initiatives
- £11,621 for culture & heritage initiatives
- £4,300 for open spaces projects
- £3,319.77 for primary school projects
- £3,000 for public health initiatives
- £2,500 for public transport initiatives
- £11,355.59 for sport and recreation projects
- £10,503.09 for traffic management and road safety projects

## COMMUNITY MEMBER GRANTS

Neil Baker

### **Riverside Church (22-CA-4)**

#### **Hearing Packs (Sharing with Rob Thomas - £475)**

**£475**

The project replaced hearing packs to enable hearing impaired users to fully participate and benefit from the support and services provided at Riverside Church and partner organisations. The grant was used to purchase five hearing packs.

### **Kent Enterprise Trust (22-CA-12)**

#### **IT Equipment for Job Club**

**£3500**

Kent Enterprise Trust provided an Open Access Job Club based at the Neptune Co-Working Hub in Herne Bay to support local unemployed people. The grant contributed to the cost of purchasing laptops and their associated hardware and software.

Alister Brady

### **The Canterbury Society (22-CA-14)**

#### **Bison Mural**

**£450 (Sharing with Rob Thomas - £450)**

The project commissioned a mural on a prominent wall next to the Gulbenkian Arts Centre at the University of Kent by artist Mark Anthony to highlight the biodiversity crisis, along with an information panel to explain its link with the Wilder Blean project. The grant contributed to the artist fees.

### **Royal British Legion (22-CA-21)**

#### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Concert**

**£300 (Sharing with Rob Thomas - £700)**

The project staged a concert to bring the community and veterans together to celebrate the Jubilee with The Salvation Army Band. The grant contributed to the cost of venue hire, ticket and flyer printing, a donation to The Salvation Army Band and St John Ambulance for first aid cover.

### **312 (City of Canterbury) Squadron Air Cadets (22-CA-23)**

#### **Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Equipment for Skills Attainment**

**£500 (Sharing with Mel Dawkins - £500)**

The project supported the provision of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme by providing equipment to offer cadets valuable training for their skills section. The grant contributed to the cost of first aid training materials and archery equipment.

### **Friends of Beverley Meadow (22-CA-24)**

#### **Planting for Biodiversity**

**£500**

Friends of Beverley Meadow wished to protect and enhance Beverley Meadow for the use and benefit of the community both now and in the future. The grant contributed to the costs of secure tool storage and bulbs and plants for the meadow.

**The Canterbury Academy (22-CA-26)**  
**The Canterbury Bike Project Bikeability**  
**£1250**

The project trained two volunteers at the Academy to become qualified cycle instructors to reach more children and offer free classes at weekends for those that wouldn't otherwise be able to learn. The grant contributed to the costs of cycle instructor training and first aid training for the volunteers.

**St Stephens Community Centre (22-CA-27)**  
**Defibrillator**  
**£1000**

St Stephens Community Centre provided a defibrillator for the benefit of the community and anyone visiting the area. The grant was used to contribute towards the costs of purchasing a defibrillator and training for staff.

**St John's Church of England Primary School (22-CA-31)**  
**Nursery Outside Area Development**  
**£514.27**

Funding was sought to improve the outside area and provide defined spaces for learning and play, including enhancing opportunities for outdoor learning, as well as developing a more natural feel to the current area. The grant contributed to the costs of a children's outdoor wooden play den and rustic-style fencing.

**Canterbury Festival and Theatre Trust (22-CA-32)**  
**Beautiful Noise Community Day**  
**£591**

Canterbury Festival and Theatre Trust offered a programme of performances to engage local communities with amateur choirs, youth groups, schools and musicians in venues and outdoor spaces in the city throughout the day. Performances spotlight local performers, community groups and school participants. The grant funded the hire of three venues for the community day.

**Parkside Community Primary School (22-CA-35)**  
**Police Community Clubs – Caught in the Web Project**  
**£305.50**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing participant packs for the children.

**The University of Kent (22-CA-42)**  
**Parkinsons Centre for Integrated Therapy**  
**£1000**

The Parkinson's Centre for Integrated Therapy brings together those living with Parkinson's in Kent and provides a social hub for them and their families to connect. The grant provided mental health therapies.

**St Dunstan's Residents Association (22-CA-46)**  
**Allotment Gardens Project ("The Green")**  
**Purchase & Secure Installation of a Coronation Bench**  
**£500**

The project enhanced and preserved a green space located between Rheims Way and Queens Avenue, by purchasing a three-seat commemorative Coronation Bench to add to the social value of the green. The grant contributed to the purchase and installation of the bench.

Mel Dawkins

**Pilgrims' Way School (22-CA-5)**  
**Whole School Recycling Project**  
**£2000**

The school conducted an in-depth recycling review by the staff steering group and pupil Eco group, and started a project to look at what happens to waste when it leaves the school. The project also helped identify areas for improvement, including the sorting of waste before collection. The grant provided recycling bins.

**The Canterbury Society (22-CA-6)**  
**Bison Mural**  
**£750**

The project commissioned a mural on a prominent wall next to the Gulbenkian Arts Centre at the University of Kent by artist Mark Anthony to highlight endangered species, along with an information panel to explain its link with the Wilder Blean project. The grant contributed to the artist fees.

**Canterbury Baptist Church (22-CA-9)**  
**Community Fridge**  
**£2000**

The Community Fridge service was developed in direct response to increasing food poverty in the area and was offered alongside The Hub Café, which provides a safe, friendly space with access to a range of support services such as mental health, financial help and practical support for the increasing number suffering food poverty. The grant assisted with the purchase of food from Fareshare Kent.

**Canterbury Rugby Football Club (22-CA-10)**  
**Development of the Outdoor Gym**  
**£1950**

Canterbury Rugby Football Club wished to expand their gym provision to include an outdoor gym for additional training space to allow the whole team to train together. The grant funded the installation of new concrete pads and steel framework for climbing ropes and barbell holders.

**Musical Walkabout CIC (22-CA-18)**  
**Music Helps – Canterbury**  
**£494.88**

This was a short run, accessible project piloting an in-person version of Musical Walkabout's Inclusive music, dementia and wellbeing staff training model in the busy Acute Geriatric and Harbledown Wards at Kent and Canterbury Hospital. The grant helped cover the costs of three sessions that looked at the practical benefits of music for wellbeing, explored the challenges, possibilities and resources of a ward environment and designed bespoke music and wellbeing plans with participants.

**312 (City of Canterbury) Squadron Air Cadets (22-CA-23)**  
**Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Equipment for skills attainment**  
**£500 (Sharing with Alistair Brady - £500)**

The project supported the provision of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme by providing equipment to offer cadets valuable training for their skills section. The grant contributed to the cost of first aid training materials and archery equipment.

**Projekt Europa (22-CA-28)**  
**Projekt Encounter**  
**£1000**

Delivered in partnership with The Marlowe Theatre the grant provided transport, marketing, food and sundries for a 15-week community engagement programme aimed at first generation migrants, refugees and asylum seekers with little or no previous experience of theatre. Grant funding assisted with transport costs and promotional materials.

**Kent & Medway NHS Social Care Partnership Trust Charitable Fund (22-CA-30)**  
**Restoration of Webb's Garden, St Martin's Hospital, Canterbury**  
**£1000**

This project restored the patio and pagoda area for service users and their families, as well as staff. The grant contributed to the costs of labour, equipment and materials.

**Christopher Marlowe Statue Committee (22-CA-41)**  
**Christopher Marlowe Statue**  
**£600**

The project arose from a request by the Marlowe Society to erect a statue of Christopher Marlowe, who was born in Canterbury. It would also form part of the intended Blitz Garden, which was part of the City's 'Levelling Up' application. The grant provided print marketing material and the production of updated displays on the sculptor's progress with the statue.

**Canterbury City Council, Spring Lane Neighbourhood Centre (22-CA-44)**  
**Community Warm Space**  
**£500**

The grant contributed to the costs of refreshments and arts and crafts materials for the centre. This provided a place where the community could come to feel safe and supported, enjoy company with a warm drink and food and take part in activities that create a sense of belonging and promote positive mental wellbeing.

**Canterbury District Watch Limited (22-CA-51)**  
**Digital Radio Project**  
**£1000**

The grant contributed to the cost of digital radios needed for the Watch. Operated in partnership with Kent Police and Canterbury City Council to provide a safe and non-threatening environment by reducing crime and disorder, the opportunity for crime, and the fear of crime within town and city centres and the surrounding communities.

Alan Marsh

**Holy Cross Church, Hoath (22-CA-3)**  
**Replacement of heaters in the nave**  
**£800**

The old heaters needed to be replaced as they had reached the end of their life. The grant part funded the purchase of four new heaters for the benefit of the many groups that use the Church, as well as those attending weekly worship.

**Sturry Youth FC (22-CA-7)**  
**Funding for new sports shirts/kits**  
**£500**

The club provides a sporting, team based, family environment for the young people of the area but the fees currently charged only cover match and official fees. The grant was used to purchase new football kits for the young players.

**Hoath Parish Council (22-CA-15)**  
**Platinum Jubilee Celebration**  
**£800**

The project staged an inclusive celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, involving several events over the course of the weekend. The grant helped with the costs of hiring facilities, including marquees, along with the provision of refreshments and entertainment.

**Deal Memorial Bandstand Trust (22-CA-16) Multi-District Award**  
**Royal Marines Band Concert on Walmer Green**  
**£1000 (£2,200 Total)**

The Royal Marines Band performed on the Bandstand Green to an audience of circa 8,000. The grant was used to subsidise the hire of video cameras and camera operatives to enhance the viewing for the large audience attending by projecting the event onto hired screens.

**Westbere Parish Council (22-CA-17)**  
**Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event**  
**£800**

The project hosted a community event and street party to bring residents together. The event included community stalls, bunting, decorations and singers, as well as old fashioned games and a life-sized cut out of The Queen for 'selfies'. The grant contributed to the cost of the hire of giant games, promotional material, decorations, confectionary and strawberries and cream for all attending.

**Sturry Football Club (22-CA-19)**  
**Football Kit Renewal**  
**£500**

The club's kit and equipment had become worn and beyond repair and, as a small team, they were unable to cover the costs of replacements. The grant was used to purchase new football kits for the players.

**Hersden Neighbourhood Centre Association (22-CA-22)**  
**Backup Supply Generator**  
**£1000**

The centre is an emergency rest centre for the Canterbury district and was set up in response to a recent crisis, where the power to the village was lost over 3 days and there were no facilities for cooking, lighting or heating during that time. The grant was used to purchase a portable but powerful



generator for use in emergencies.

**Thanet Community Transport Association (22-CA-33)**

**Hoath/Broadoak Dial a Ride**

**£2500**

This project provided a door-to-door shopping and medical appointment transport service for elderly and disabled people in Hoath, Broadoak, Reculver and Chislet. The grant contributed to the cost of leasing a vehicle, providing insurance and fuel.

**The Sarah Thorne Theatre CIC (22-CA-36)**

**Filling Empty Seats**

**£2180**

This scheme offered reduced-price seats to school groups, the elderly, disabled and those on low incomes to the annual pantomime. Tickets were made available for four school performances and four public performances. The grant contributed to the cost of offering the reduced-price tickets.

**Herne CE Junior School (22-CA-37)**

**Pantomime Trip**

**£500**

The trip offered children, who may not normally have the opportunity to visit a theatre or see a pantomime to be part of the Christmas festivities. The extracurricular trip was attended by all Year 3 and pupil premium pupils. The grant helped cover the cost of transport to the pantomime.

**Hoath Parish Council (22-CA-48)**

**Purchase of Defibrillator**

**£700**

The project provided a defibrillator for the benefit of the community and anyone visiting the area. The grant contributed towards the costs of purchasing a defibrillator.

**Fordwich Town Council (22-CA-53)**

**Coronation Celebrations**

**£500**

The project staged a celebration of the King's Coronation for the community. The grant was used to purchase refreshments, plates and cutlery and for the hire of gazebos for the celebrations.

Mike Sole

**Lower Hardres and Nackington Parish Council (22-CA-11)**

**Speedwatch Equipment**

**£800**

The grant purchased a speedwatch gun, which is approved by the police, to replace the old speedwatch equipment to monitor the main road to Hythe from Canterbury

**Thanington Resource Centre (22-CA-13)**

**Thanington Youth Club – New Chairs**

**£1000**

Thanington Resource Centre is a small resident-led charity that offers youth work sessions and a summer programme to provide opportunities for study, experiences and activities that would otherwise be inaccessible to the local young people. The grant was used to purchase new chairs for the youth club.

**The Frank Montgomery Playing Field Trust (22-CA-20)**

**Inclusive Roundabout**

**£1000**

The play equipment at the Frank Montgomery Playing Field is used by local children, families in neighbouring parishes and children at the local primary school. The grant contributed to the cost of purchasing an inclusive roundabout.

**Barham Bowls Club (22-CA-38)**

**New Short Mat Carpet**

**£500**

The existing indoor short mat bowls carpet had reached the end of its life; it was nearly unplayable and was in danger of being a trip hazard. The grant was used to purchase a new replacement carpet.

**Littlebourne Parish Council (22-CA-45)**

**Village Living Room**

**£300**

In response to the cold weather and rising energy costs, Littlebourne Parish Council offered morning and afternoon sessions in the lounge at Littlebourne War Memorial Hall for residents to have a place to meet, be warm and have a hot drink and chat. The grant contributed to the cost of the hire of the hall.

Robert Thomas

**Chartham Parish Council (22-CA-1)**

**The Purchase of a New Community Defibrillator**

**£500**

Chartham Parish Council wished to ensure that residents had access to a defibrillator in the event of an emergency. The grant was used to contribute towards the costs of purchasing a defibrillator, lockable cabinet and a Licence Agreement.

**Riverside Church (22-CA-4)**

**Hearing Packs**

**£475 (Sharing with Neil Baker - £475)**

The project replaced hearing packs to enable hearing impaired users to fully participate and benefit from the support and services provided at Riverside Church and partner organisations. The grant was used to purchase five hearing packs.

**The Canterbury Society (22-CA-14)**

**Bison Mural**

**£450 (Sharing with Alistair Brady - £450)**

The project commissioned a mural on a prominent wall next to the Gulbenkian Arts Centre at the University of Kent by artist Mark Anthony to highlight the biodiversity crisis, along with an information panel to explain its link with the Wilder Blean project. The grant contributed to the artist fees.

**Royal British Legion (22-CA-21)**

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Concert**

**£700 (Sharing with Alistair Brady - £300)**

The project staged a concert to bring the community and veterans together to celebrate the Jubilee with The Salvation Army Band. The grant contributed to the cost of venue hire, ticket and flyer printing, a donation to The Salvation Army Band and to St John Ambulance for first aid cover.

**Tyler Hill Youth Football Club (22-CA-25)**  
**Coaching Equipment and Coach Courses**  
**£2855.59**

The club had lost sponsors due to the pandemic and the rise in the cost of living and sought support with training and equipment costs. The grant was used to purchase new equipment and for seven parent volunteers to undertake the FA Level 1 coaching course.

**East Kent Model Railway Society (22-CA-34)**  
**Clubhouse Improvement Project**  
**£1500**

The society moved premises in October 2019 and priority was given to the model railway layout. The society was looking to improve the environment, storage and safety of the unit. The grant contributed to the costs of providing seating and storage and servicing the air conditioning system, upgrading the security alarm and providing fire extinguishers and stands.

**Hackington Parish Council (22-CA-43)**  
**Tyler Hill Meadow Maintenance**  
**£300**

Tyler Hill Meadow has been enjoyed by the local community for over 20 years as a place for walking and enjoying wildlife. Whilst the Stour Valley Group carry out regular maintenance, such as grass cutting, the site needed larger repairs. The grant was used to repaint and revarnish the large wooden gates and to remove three fallen trees.

**Chestfield Cricket Club (22-CA-49)**  
**Female Changing Facilities**  
**£1800**

The Club was planning a project to make better use of the pavilion space in line with their ECB Clubmark development plan to improve compliance with safeguarding. This included creating a ladies' changing room for the 26 ladies' softball playing members and the 17 girls playing in the mixed junior hard ball teams. The grant was used to part fund the cost of new flooring across the whole building.

Dan Watkins

**Bayguide CIC (22-CA-29)**  
**Herne Bay Cartoon Festival 2022**  
**£500**

The festival is open to everyone, accessible and free, with workshops to engage residents and visitors and to encourage them to develop new skills. The event includes a comic strip exhibition at the Seaside Museum that explores this art form from its origins to the present day. The grant contributed to the costs of the festival.

**Happy Here CIC (22-CA-50)**  
**Social Prescribing**  
**£500**

Happy Here Centres are centred around an accessible café, with low-cost food and drinks, which allow people to drop in and share their concerns about mental wellbeing, and the many issues that impact on it, with supportive staff. Creative activities are also offered along with links to other services. The grant contributed to the costs of purchasing recycled furniture, promotional materials, refreshments and creative activity supplies.

**Herne Bay Historical Records Society (22-CA-52)**

**The Setterfield War Diaries**

**£1000**

The project was to digitise The Setterfield War diaries, reports made by Police Inspector Setterfield in Herne Bay during WW2 and make them a searchable resource. The diaries contain details of enemy activity over Herne Bay and surrounding areas and are an invaluable source of information for future generations. The grant part-funded the cost of the digital archiving of the diaries.

## HIGHWAYS MEMBER GRANTS

Neil Baker

### **Highways (22-KHS-CA-47)**

**Traffic Regulation Order – Tankerton Road, Whitstable**

**£2500**

Contribution towards the costs of a Traffic Regulation Order and associated formal consultation for a speed limit reduction to 20mph on Tankerton Road.

Mike Sole

### **Highways (22-KHS-CA-2)**

**Speed Reduction from 50mph to 40mph B2068 Stone Street, Petham**

**£1000**

Part funding of a Traffic Regulation Order for the speed reduction from 50mph to 40mph on the B2068 Stone Street in Petham.

### **Highways (22-KHS-CA-8)**

**Woolage Village ATC Surveys**

**£523**

Part funding of the costs of five Automated Traffic Counts held in various locations in Woolage Village.

### **Highways (22-KHS-CA-39)**

**Stone Street Petham – Speed Limit Reduction to 40mph**

**£3000**

The grant contributed to the costs of a speed limit reduction to 40mph in Stone Street, Petham.

### **Highways (22-KHS-CA-40)**

**Woolage Village – 30mph Speed Limit Reduction**

**£2680.09**

The grant contributed to the costs of a speed limit reduction to 30mph in Woolage Village, Womenswold

## Dartford – Member Grant Funding Breakdown of Spend

In total 36 grants were awarded for the 2022/23 period by Dartford Members. Of which:

- 12 grants were awarded to charities
- 2 grants were awarded to church or faith groups
- 2 grants were awarded to community groups
- 3 grants were awarded to a not-for-profit organisation
- 6 grants were awarded to a District, Parish or Town Council
- 7 grants were awarded to schools
- 3 grants were awarded to sports organisations
- 1 grant was awarded to Kent Highways

With the exclusion of Kent Highways, 18 grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years, with the remaining 17 organisations new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Dartford Member's Annual Member Grant Spend and roll forward figure for 2023/24 period:

- **Penny Cole – Dartford East**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £13,733.03 with a £6,266.97 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Kelly Grehan – Dartford North East**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £13,158.55 with a £4,291.45 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Peter Harman – Swanscombe and Greenhithe**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £5,624.25 with a £8,484.95 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Jeremy Kite, MBE – Dartford Rural**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £8,000 with a £5,275 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Jan Ozog – Dartford West**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £0 with a £20,000 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Avtar Sandhu, MBE – Wilmington**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £3,250 with a £14,305 roll forward figure for 2023/24*

Total Dartford Member Spend for 2022/23 - £43,765.83

- £2,270 for business support services
- £12,960 for community development projects
- £3,999.99 for culture & heritage initiatives
- £1,000 for family support services projects
- £3,000 for open spaces projects
- £3,323.55 for primary school projects
- £2,070 for public health initiatives
- £1,000 for secondary school projects
- £13,374.25 for sport and recreation projects
- £768.04 for winter services preparations

## COMMUNITY MEMBER GRANTS

Penny Cole

### **NW Kent Citizens Advice (22-DA-1) Multi-District Award**

#### **IT Package**

**£1135 (£4,520 Total)**

There had been a recent drive to make better use of technology and advice services more efficient in order to help more people, including training volunteer advisers remotely. The grant was used to purchase equipment packages consisting of laptops, headsets and phones for new volunteer advisers.

### **Stone Parish Council (22-DA-4)**

#### **Three Year Plan – Community Orchard at Cotton Lane**

**£2500**

Stone Parish Council has joined over 230 councils in calling a climate emergency and pledged to be carbon neutral by 2030. It has set a target of planting 3000 trees in three years as one way to tackle air pollution. The grant funded the purchase of fifty trees, fertiliser and soil conditioner.

### **Dartford Science and Technology College (22-DA-6A)**

#### **Community Day 2022**

**£500 (Sharing with Avtar Sandhu - £500 and Kelly Grehan - £500)**

Each year students in Years Seven to Ten (around 700 young people) spend a day in the community and undertake volunteering at approximately fifty placements for a wide range of charities. The grant contributed to the costs of t-shirts for the students to wear during their volunteering day.

### **Hi Kent (22-DA-11)**

#### **Hearing Aid Support Outreach Clinics at St Edmunds Church, Living Well Centre and Fleetdown Library in Dartford**

**£480 (Sharing with Kelly Grehan - £480)**

Hi Kent offers monthly Hearing Aid Support outreach clinics in Dartford that are free of charge to residents. The grant supported the clinics by supplying maintenance kits, volunteer training and promotional materials to enable volunteers to provide a full cleaning and re-tubing service as well as batteries for NHS aids to ensure they are fully functioning.

### **Stone (Dartford) Scout Group (22-DA-13)**

#### **Tent Replacement**

**£3500**

The Scout Group needed to replace a selection of tents that were showing signs of wear and were no longer fit for purpose. The grant provided new tents that were appropriate for the multi-aged and mixed gender sections of the group.

### **Slide Away (22-DA-14) Multi-District Award**

#### **Website Redesign**

**£1000 (£3,850 Total)**



Slide Away offers bereavement support for children following the death of a relative or friend. A new website was needed to be the primary source of information for parents, young people and professionals. The grant contributed to the costs of a bespoke website design and build, including an online shop and secure resource area.

### **Kent Farmers Market Association (22-DA-15) Multi District Award**

#### **'Eat Kent'**

**£300 (£3,950 Total)**

The 'Eat Kent' project is an initiative to promote and support the county's local food chain. The project provides information on the benefits of local produce, when it is available, where it is grown/bred with links to recipes, as well as nutrition/allergy information in both digital and hard copy. Grant funding contributed towards print costs for promotional material.

### **Dartford Science & Technology College (22-DA-17)**

#### **Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea**

**£500 (Sharing with Kelly Grehan - £500)**

The project hosted an afternoon tea to bring together multi-generations in a safe and fun setting. The grant contributed to the costs of refreshments, raffle prizes and gifts for attendees.

### **Dads Unlimited (22-DA-18) Multi-District Award**

#### **Promotional Materials**

**£550 (£3,050 Total)**

Dads Unlimited is a charity supporting male victims of domestic abuse, males at risk of harm or with poor mental health. They support separated fathers, males experiencing family breakdown or males unable to gain meaningful contact with their children. The grant was used to contribute to production costs for promotional materials to raise awareness of their services and to help reach more people in need.

### **Dartford Primary Academy (22-DA-19)**

#### **Portable Sensory Space**

**£1000 (Sharing with Kelly Grehan - £1375)**

Due to a dramatic rise in pupils demonstrating more challenging behaviours in school because of the pandemic, a portable sensory space was required to provide a place for children to have a moment of comfort and calm to regulate themselves again and then return to learning. The grant was used to purchase sensory equipment for the space.

### **Healthy Living Centre Dartford (22-DA-29)**

#### **The Celebration of Volunteers**

**£500 (Sharing with Avtar Sandhu, MBE - £500)**

A 'thank you' ceremony was held for Healthy Living Centre volunteers for all their work at the two centres in Temple Hill and Tree Estate which offer activities such as IT sessions, cooking lessons and exercise lessons. The grant provided refreshments and certificates for the volunteers.

### **Fleetdown Community Centre (22-DA-33)**

#### **Stage Stairs**

**£499.99 (Sharing with Avtar Sandhu, MBE - £500)**

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### **Safer Communities Alliance (22-DA-38)**

#### **Ukrainian Community Project**

**£500 (Sharing with Avtar Sandhu, MBE - £500)**

The Safer Communities Alliance held a monthly club over a six-month period to enable the Ukrainian community in Dartford to come together to develop their skills, get support with budgeting, English



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**Dartford Bridge Community Primary School (22-DA-5)**

**Defibrillator**

**£900**

Funding was requested to install a defibrillator on site to improve the safety of all who access the school and to be available for use by the wider community. The grant was used to purchase the defibrillator.

**The Leigh UTC (22-DA-2)**

**Defibrillator Fund**

**£1170**

The grant was used to purchase a defibrillator, which was required for the safety of students and staff, as well as benefit the wider community that lease and use the site.

**The Leigh UTC (22-DA-3)**

**The Leigh UTC Community Fund**

**£1000**

The school is establishing a community foodbank to support students and their families as the school is in a deprived area of Dartford. The grant contributed to the purchase of food, uniform and toiletries for the foodbank.

**Dartford Science and Technology College (22-DA-6A)**

**Community Day 2022**

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### **St Albans & St Edmunds (East Dartford Benefice) (22-DA-20)**

#### **Public Living Rooms**

**£2000**

A space was required to address social isolation, fuel poverty, hunger and to provide a chance to build friendships and networks. A space was created in both churches to reach as many people as possible in a very deprived area. The grant contributed to energy costs as well as refreshments and furnishings.

### **All Directions Kent (22-DA-24)**

#### **Christmas Celebrations**

**£400**

The Christmas Project gives All Direction's learners, friends, volunteers and people in the community a chance to come together and celebrate Christmas with Christmas dinner and a party. Some of those attending would usually be alone over Christmas. The grant was used to hire a hall, band and to buy gifts for the students and volunteers to thank them for their help all year.

### **Oasis Domestic Abuse Service (22-DA-25)**

#### **Communal and Therapeutic Space**

**£2000**

A space was needed for young single women within the accommodation project to socialise, make friends and reduce isolation. The space would also provide access to counselling sessions, parenting workshops, debt advice services and first aid courses. The grant provided furniture and furnishings for the communal space.

### **Temple Hill Primary Academy (22-DA-26)**

#### **Wild Flower School Boundary**

**£948.55**

The bank along the front of the school had become a magnet for rubbish and leaves. The school wished to renovate the area and plant wild flowers to attract pollinators, change the visual effect and link with the science and environment curriculum. The grant provided seeds and gardening equipment for the project.

### **Temple Hill Youth Club (22-DA-30)**

#### **Improve Security CCTV**

**£750**

A need for CCTV was identified after the youth club lost a large amount of equipment and maintenance tools during a break-in. Replacing this equipment used up spare funds so support was needed to help improve security to deter thieves and make the site safer. The grant contributed to the costs of the

new security system.

Peter Harman

**Dartford Cambria Sea Scout Group (22-DA-7)**

**Sailing and Kayaking Helmets**

**£524.25**

The grant was used to purchase fifteen water sports helmets to allow the Sea Scouts to run kayaking sessions on the Bridge Lake, as helmets are a mandatory requirement and without them the sessions cannot take place.

**Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council (22-DA-8)**

**Children's Summer Entertainment 2022**

**£500**

The grant contributed to the costs of a programme of entertainment and events during the summer holidays. These events were designed to entertain children in a safe, healthy environment and to provide some additional support to parents.

**Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council (22-DA-9)**

**A Right Royal Celebration (Platinum Jubilee)**

**£500**

The project was to stage an event to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. The event would showcase the best local talent, groups and small businesses, and bring the community together and give access to advice and the community groups attending. The grant was used to help with the costs of entertainment activities.

**Swanscombe Senior Lunch Club (22-DA-12)**

**Coach Trip**

**£600**

The grant was used to assist with coach hire and refreshments for the club to take a group of seniors, with volunteers to support them, on a trip out of area so that the group could socialise and reduce isolation.

**South Eastern Baptist Association (22-DA-21)**

**Pop Up Carol Services for Ebbsfleet & Swanscombe**

**£500**

The project was to hire a van with dual LED screens and a PA system to host several pop-up carol services in the Swanscombe and Ebbsfleet area. The van would park in an open space where people could safely gather and hold a twenty-minute carol service, and then play carols whilst moving between places. The grant assisted with the costs of hiring the van.

**Swanscombe Tigers (22-DA-22)**

**Replacement Goals**

**£500**

Funding was sought to replace old plastic goals used by the club with metal ones. The new goals would last longer for the various teams who use them, including teams for children aged six to thirteen and a girls' team.

**Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council (22-DA-23)**

**Christmas Lights**

**£500**

The grant contributed to the costs of the festive lights project, which was designed to enhance enjoyment and encourage the use of the two high streets and their commercial facilities

**We Are Beams (22-DA-31)**

**Family Advice Service**

**£500**

After seeing a significant increase in the amount of calls on education support, the charity wanted to bring parents together to help build relationships and offer support to each other with their disabled child and siblings. The grant provided packs for parents which included course notes.

**Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council (22-DA-35)**

**In Bloom/Hanging Baskets 2023**

**£500**

The Town Council hoped to enhance the spring and summer seasons on both High Streets. The grant was used for the costs associated with purchasing and maintaining the hanging baskets.

**Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council (22-DA-36)**

**Children's Entertainment 2023**

**£500**

During the six-week summer holiday, young people in Swanscombe and Greenhithe (and their parents) need activities to keep them active and entertained. As an area identified as deprived, many families struggle to find activities for the children and the grant was used to provide a programme of events and activities for young people.

**Broadness Cruising Club (22-DA-37)**

**Mooring Buoys Provision**

**£500**

The club wanted to improve facilities for members and the public, as well as provide opportunities for other boating clubs to utilise the facilities by installing two buoys to make access to the creek easier. The grant was used to install the mooring buoys.

Jeremy Kite, MBE

**YMCA Thames Gateway (22-DA-10)**

**Fun Day – Summer 2022**

**£6000**

The grant helped to fund a 'Teddy Bears Picnic' fun day for local children and families in the school holidays, which introduced learning through fun activities, including learning about nature, how to grow herbs and art projects. Venue hire, teddy bears, various activities and promotional material were funded by the grant.

**1<sup>st</sup> New Barn Scouts (22-DA-16)**

**Community Hall Roof/Ceiling/Windows Refurbishment**

**£2000**

The hall was built in 1949 and the roof, ceiling and windows were original but in a poor state of repair. The grant was used to help with costs of internal decoration of a new ceiling, which provided an improved and safer environment for users of the hall.

**Dartford Science and Technology College (22-DA-6A)**

**Community Day 2022**

**£500 (Sharing with Penny Cole - £500 and Kelly Grehan - £500)**

Each year students in Years Seven to Ten (around 700 young people) spend a day in the community and undertake volunteering at approximately fifty placements for a wide range of charities. The grant contributed to the costs of t-shirts for the students to wear during their volunteering day.

**Girlguiding – 19<sup>th</sup> Dartford Guides (22-DA-27)**

**New Unit Start Up**

**£500**

There is a need for a new unit in Dartford as both local units are at full capacity with waiting lists. The grant contributed to the costs associated with starting up the new unit, including badges and equipment for activities such as cooking and outdoor games.

**Healthy Living Centre (22-DA-29)**

**The Celebration of Volunteers**

**£500 (Sharing with Penny Cole - £500)**

A 'thank you' ceremony was held for Healthy Living Centre volunteers for all their work at the two centres in Temple Hill and Tree Estate which offer activities such as IT sessions, cooking lessons and exercise lessons. The grant provided refreshments and certificates for the volunteers.

**Fleetdown Community Centre (22-DA-33)**

**Stage Stairs**

**£500 (Sharing with Penny Cole - £499.99)**

Fleetdown Community Centre has staging which stands 1.3m above the floor and requires stairs to access. The two existing sets of stairs were no longer fit for purpose and required replacing to allow safer and greater accessibility for regular users and one-off hirers. The grant contributed to the costs of replacement stairs.

**Leyton Cross Social Club (22-DA-34)**

**Sound System**

**£750**

The grant provided a new sound system as the existing sound system was thirty-five years old and no longer fit for purpose. The sound system is used for monthly social events, concerts and is available for use by other groups and clubs that use the hall.

**Safer Communities Alliance (22-DA-38)**

**Ukrainian Community Project**

**£500 (Sharing with Penny Cole - £500)**

The project was to hold a monthly club over a six-month period to enable the Ukrainian community in Dartford to come together to develop their skill sets, get support with budgeting and English lessons and take part in sporting activities. The grant was used to provide refreshments and to cover the cost of venue hire.

## HIGHWAYS MEMBER GRANTS

Penny Cole

**Highways (22-KHS-DA-28)**

**Salt Bins, Charles Street**

**£768.04**

Funding was provided for two salt bins and six refills to be placed in Charles Street, Stone and Cowley Avenue, Stone.

## Dover – Member Grant Funding Breakdown of Spend

In total 67 grants were awarded for the 2022/23 period by Dover Members. Of which:

- 27 grants were awarded to charities
- 6 grants were awarded to church/faith groups
- 14 grants were awarded to a community organisation
- 1 grants were awarded to not-for-profit organisations
- 13 grants were awarded to District, Parish or Town Councils
- 3 grants were awarded to schools
- 3 grants were awarded to sports organisations

27 grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years, with the remaining 40 organisations new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Dover Member's Annual Member Grant Spend and roll forward figure for 2023/24 period:

- **David Beaney – Dover West**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £10,464.92 with a £9,535.08 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Trevor Bond – Deal & Walmer (2 Member Division)**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £9,697.32 with a £10,002.68 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Sue Chandler - Sandwich**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £12,267.36 with a £3,332.64 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Nigel Collor – Dover Town (2 Member Division)**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £10,900 with a £8,100 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Steve Manion – Dover North**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £12,439.36 with a £224.64 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Derek Murphy – Deal & Walmer (2 Member Division)**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £9,244 with a £9,956 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Oliver Richardson – Dover Town (2 Member Division)**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £5,078.67 with a £14,921.33 roll forward figure for 2023/24*

Total Dover Member Spend for 2022/23 - £70,091.63

- £22,314.09 for community development projects
- £23,010.36 for culture & heritage initiatives
- £400 for early years projects
- £2,300 for environmental, highway and routine maintenance initiatives
- £550 for family support services projects
- £5,972.88 for open spaces projects
- £299 for primary school projects
- £5,560.44 for public health initiatives
- £7,047.50 for sport and recreation projects
- £2,637.36 for traffic management and road safety projects

## **COMMUNITY MEMBER GRANTS**

David Beaney

### **1st Whitfield Brownies (22-DO-7)**

**Replacement of old and heavy tables and chairs and replacement of boundary fence**

**£1264.92**

The grant contributed to the cost of replacing the old fence to provide a safe and secure area for play, allow for more effective use of the outside space and protect the property. The grant also purchased lighter tables and chairs to allow for safer use of the equipment.

### **Denton Village Hall (22-DO-8)**

**Play Park and Picnic Area**

**£1000**

Situated next to the Village Hall, an outdoor space was created for the whole village to enjoy, with plenty of parking, near footpaths and accessible to all. The grant contributed towards a play tower for the children allowing families to enjoy the space.

### **Wootton Singers (22-DO-14)**

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee Performance**

**£500**

Wootton Singers is a community group of around fifteen members and has been operating for over ten years, providing an opportunity for residents to meet up, chat and participate in a group activity. The grant contributed to the costs of new music as well as pianist and Music Director fees for a performance at the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in the village.

### **Elvington and Eythorne Heritage Group CIC (22-DO-15)**

**Jubilee Family Fun Day**

**£500**

The project staged a free Family Fun Day, tied into celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. Elvington is a socially deprived area and unemployment is high, funding contributed to a free BBQ and entertainment.

### **Shepherdswell Village Green Association (22-DO-19)**

**Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

**£300**

The grant contributed towards artist and musician fees, as well as bunting to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and re-establish the previously strong community spirit and infrastructure within the village as it emerged from the pandemic. The programme included a choir concert, fun run, art exhibition and competition, quiz, classic car show, live music and memorabilia displays.

### **Elvington Village Hall (22-DO-30)**

**'Let's Eat'**

**£300**

Elvington is one of the most deprived communities in Dover District and this project aims to provide hot meals for all residents in a safe and welcoming space. The social atmosphere of sharing a meal provides a focus for people who are often isolated and unable to meet people in their daily life. The grant was put toward the cost of providing meals.



**Eythorne Parish Council (22-DO-31)**  
**20mph Highway Improvement Project**  
**£800**

Eythorne and Elvington had concerns about speeding in the area including Adelaide Road, where the local Primary School is located. A lower speed limit of 20mph was identified, the grant contributed to the costs of the installation of signage and lining.

**Alkham Parish Council (22-DO-32)**  
**Village Jubilee**  
**£300**

The project staged an event on the village green to mark the Platinum Jubilee. The celebration was available to the whole community and the grant provided bunting, hats and tableware for the attendees.



**Alkham Parish Council (22-DO-33)**  
**Footpath Repairs**  
**£1500**

The parish council wished to repair a widely used footpath between the village and Newlyn's Meadow to encourage more residents to access the open spaces and improve access to the village hall. The grant contributed to the costs of materials and labour for the repairs.

**Capel-Le-Ferne Parish Council (22-DO-38)**  
**Speed Watch Equipment**  
**£1200**

Protection of volunteers against abuse is of increasing concern and Kent Police Speed Watch now approve electronic recording of sessions with body worn and equipment cameras including signage that informs the driver that recordings are taking place. The grant was used to supply the cameras and accessories.

**18<sup>th</sup> Dover (Shepherdswell) Scouts Group (22-DO-42)**  
**Queen's Jubilee Party**  
**£300**

The project staged an outside event for children and their families to get together and celebrate the Jubilee in a safe and welcoming environment. The grant was used to cover the costs of the refreshments and entertainment.

**1<sup>st</sup> Shepherdswell Brownies (22-DO-49)**  
**New Speaker and Solar Array**  
**£500**

The grant contributed to the costs of a solar array, a bluetooth speaker and blankets required to deliver activities more successfully such as first aid training being accompanied by a video from the British Heart Foundation showing how to use a defibrillator and the use of solar array when away from the unit meeting place on activity days or on camp.

**Lydden Parish Council (22-DO-50)**  
**Boundary Fencing**  
**£1000**

The grant contributed to the costs of a project to improve the amenities offered to residents of Lydden by upgrading the car park outside the village hall. Many residents use the village hall for meetings, clubs and parties and the upgrades would provide a more safe and secure facility.

**Denton Village Hall (22-DO-60)**  
**Play and Picnic Area, Denton Village Hall**  
**£1000**

This project improved the outside space for the community by providing play equipment along with the picnic tables. The grant assisted with the costs of landscaping the area with new fences, planters, seating benches and the costs of labour.

Trevor Bond

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**Walmer Parish Churches (22-DO-9)**  
**Resurfacing of St Saviour's Church Path**  
**£1000 (Sharing with Derek Murphy - £1000)**

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**Walmer Town Council (22-DO-24)**  
**Childrens Festival**  
**£500**

The Childrens Festival with Kites on the Beach is a free, family event on Walmer Green and each year free kites are given away. There are also displays of giant static kites and local arts and crafts groups provide materials for younger children to take part in creative activities. There are also Circus Skills Workshops and a Junk Orchestra which the grant contributed funding towards.

**Deal Memorial Bandstand Trust (22-DO-27) Multi-District Award**  
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**£600 (£2,200 Total)**

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**Sholden C of E Primary School (22-DO-43)****The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain – Barney & Echo, Mindfulness Project****£299**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, to highlight the message that mental health is just as important as physical health. The project asks participants to discuss optimism, staying calm, supporting others and sharing emotions. The grant assisted with the costs of providing project packs for the children.

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### **Walmer Town Council (22-DO-58)**

#### **Carols on the Green**

**£500**

Carols on the Green is a free event which is open to all and includes a Compere to tell the Christmas story, as well as inviting musicians to perform. The grant contributed to the increased cost of performer fees for the event.

### **Royal British Legion (Downs Branch) (22-DO-59)**

#### **Benches for Deal Cemetery**

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### **Oasis Domestic Abuse Service (22-DO-61) Multi District Award**

#### **Security Packs**

**£560.44 (£1,120.88 Total)**

Oasis supports families affected by domestic abuse in Kent and Medway through a comprehensive range of services. The grant supported a project to provide security packs to high-risk victims living in Thanet and Dover. The packs, consisting of dash cams, CCTV units and Ring doorbells for home security, are loaned to clients following risk assessments and returned when the client is made safe, which can take several months.

### **Martha Trust (22-DO-62)**

#### **Digital Rainbow Table Appeal**

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### **Deal, Walmer, Sandwich & District Scout Council (22-DO-71)**

#### **Betteshanger Campsite Compostable Toilet Installation**

**£1000 (Sharing with Derek Murphy - £1000)**

The project installed three compostable toilets and improved facilities at a campsite on the Northbourne Estate. This allows for longer stays at the site and makes the site more accessible for participants with additional needs.

**Sandwich Folk and Ale Festival (22-DO-12)**

**Sandwich Folk and Ale Festival 2022**

**£1000**

The festival, in its tenth year, has expanded over that time, increasing from its original two days to a seven-day festival. It aims to increase footfall in Sandwich by providing more entertainment for residents and visitors, which encourages sales for the local business community. The grant supported waste removal and bin hire and assisted with card machine purchases.

**Woodnesborough Parish Council (22-DO-17)**

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee Water Bottles**

**£300**

The grant contributed to the purchase of 250 Platinum Jubilee Commemorative water bottles for distribution to children at a Platinum Jubilee Fete. The fete brought the community together and the children are able to use the water bottles, reducing the use of single-use plastic and encouraging them to drink more water.

**Charity Mentors Kent & Medway (22-DO-46)**

**Mentoring Support for Local Charities**

**£3000**

The grant helped promote the Charity Mentors service by assisting with the costs of a Co-ordinator's time, which was spent developing a new website and other communication methods.

**Age Concern Sandwich (22-DO-53)**

**Making a Difference - Meet, Eat and Heat**

**£2000**

To support clients concerned about the cost of heating, Age Concern hoped to purchase hot water flasks and hot water bottles for use in the home. There had also been an increase in the Meals on Wheels service provided by the charity and replacement equipment was required. The grant contributed to the costs of the hot water bottles and flasks as well as thermo boxes, thermo heat pads, insulated pads, cool boxes and thermo mits.

**St Peter and St Paul's Church, Worth (22-DO-54)**

**Village Clock Regulation and Time Change System**

**£1000**

The church turret clock is a strong visual and aural presence in the village but in recent years had suffered reliability issues and no longer kept accurate time. The grant assisted with the supply and fit of an electronic pendulum regulator system to improve timekeeping and to enable the clock to remain a strong presence in the village.

**Dover District Council (22-DO-55)**

**Memorial Bench**

**£1500**

In Sandwich in 2019, a young local boy tragically lost his life after being swept away into the river. The grant contributed to the cost of providing a circular memorial bench, with a personalised engraving, made by a local craftsman to wrap around a willow tree that has become a focal point and place of solace for the family.

### **Goodnestone Village Hall (22-DO-57)**

#### **Wi-Fi Installation Project**

**£300**

The grant was used to provide internet access at the hall to make it a more attractive venue for those wishing to hire it for private functions. Access to the internet also helps residents who use the hall's "community hub" for IT training, internet supermarket shopping and to help elderly residents with accessing and using the internet.

### **Busy Bees Preschool (22-DO-67)**

#### **Commemorative T-shirts for the Coronation Celebration**

**£478**

Member Grant funding contributed to the costs of providing fifty-two commemorative t-shirts, printed with the King Charles monogram and the Coronation date for the children and families to keep as a long-loved memory of an occasion where the village came together as one to celebrate a historic occasion.

### **Stourmouth Parish Council (22-DO-69)**

#### **Further Improvements to Stourmouth Cemetery**

**£1000**

The Parish Council took over the cemetery to restore it to a respectful state, provide an area of contemplation and provide essential facilities. The grant assisted with the costs of providing shrubs and trees at the top of the cemetery to safely define the boundary and encourage wildlife. It also provided a wire fence to fill gaps in the side boundary and gates for the lychgate.

### **St Peter & St Paul's Parochial Church Council (22-DO-70)**

#### **A Coronation Mug for every child**

**£1689.36**

The Parish of Worth wanted to follow a tradition, first popularised in 1887 to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria, to give children gifts to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles. The grant contributed to the purchase of commemorative mugs for the children.

Nigel Collor

### **Belgrave Youth Group (22-DO-2)**

#### **Creating a Wildlife Garden**

**£500**

The youth club in the Clarendon and Westbury Community Hall in Dover were offered the use of an allotment behind the hall. This provides the children with an opportunity to participate in building habitats for wildlife, as well as having a wildlife pond and a space to grow fruit and vegetables. Grant funding was used to buy equipment to create and maintain the wildlife garden and growing area.

### **Christians Together in Dover (22-DO-5)**

#### **Dover Money Course**

**£250 (Sharing with Oliver Richardson - £300)**

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### **Dover Street Pastors (22-DO-16)**

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**£1100 (Sharing with Oliver Richardson - £1100)**

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### **RBL Dover White Cliffs (22-DO-26)**

#### **Armed Forces Weekend**

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The Armed Forces weekend is a free event for the public with veterans and ex service personnel in attendance. To ensure the event was well run, road management and security was provided by the grant.

### **Samphire (22-DO-34)**

#### **Dover Together – Multi-cultural Festival**

**£1000**

Dover Together is a free multi-cultural festival held in Pencester Gardens, Dover to build, promote and share Dover's diversity and history. Local businesses have food and other stalls, there are musicians and bands, a speakers tent and a mediation space. The festival included a Ukrainian film festival curated by local and Ukrainian filmmakers. The grant contributed to the cost of venue hire, promotional material, and entertainment.

### **Emmaus Dover (22-DO-37)**

#### **Companion Wellbeing Fund**

**£400 (Sharing with Derek Murphy - £400 and Oliver Richardson - £400)**

Emmaus Dover is a charity that provides accommodation, support and meaningful work opportunities for up to 27 men and women (known as Companions) that have previously experienced homelessness, social exclusion, poverty and a lack of opportunities. This grant helped with the setting up of a new Companion Wellbeing Fund to help improve their physical and mental health by accessing sport, leisure and personal care services over a period of 12 months.

### **Kent Farmers Market Association (22-DO-40) Multi-District Award**

#### **'Eat Kent'**

**£100 (£3,950 Total)**

Funding contributed to print costs for the 'Eat Kent' project, which is an initiative to promote and support the county's local food chain by providing information on the benefits of local produce, when it is available, where it is grown/bred and links to recipes as well as nutrition/allergy information in both digital and hard copy.

**Rotary Club of Dover (22-DO-64)****100 Year 100 Children Project****£500 (Sharing with Oliver Richardson - £500)**

The Rotary Club of Dover was established in 1922 and in their 100<sup>th</sup> year they wanted to give 100 disadvantaged children a day to remember. The children included young carers from the Dover SmArt Project and a number of primary schools were invited on a coach trip to Chessington World of Adventure. The grant helped to fund ticket costs and coach hire.

**Royal British Legion Dover White Cliffs Branch (22-DO-65)****Channel Dash Ceremony****£300**

Each year the Branch holds a service to remember those who were part of the Channel Dash. The service is attended by the local community and the grant provided refreshments for the reception after the ceremony and the printing of service books.

**Parkrun UK (22-DO-66)****Dover Waterfront Parkrun****£2000**

Funding was used to set up a parkrun in Dover by providing safety equipment, course marking equipment and promotional materials, which eliminated the need for Dover residents to travel to another area to attend a parkrun. Parkrun is a free community event where people can walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate which takes place every Saturday morning.

**Defibs for Dover (22-DO-68)****Public Access Defibrillator Placement in Dover****£3000**

The project increased the number of defibrillators available for use in the Dover area, including portable defibrillators that could be loaned to community events for the wellbeing of all attending. The grant contributed to the purchase of five defibrillators and cabinets as well as two portable defibrillators.

**St. Radigunds Community Centre Co. Ltd (22-DO-72)****Community Youth Outreach Sessions****£1000**

The project sought to engage more frequently with young people to try to reduce anti-social behaviour and vandalism by delivering a structured youth activity, as well as providing an opportunity to spend time fostering an interest in their community. The funding contributed to specialist delivery providers for activities and learning, including cooking, dance, employability skills, CV writing and interview skills.

Steve Manion

**St Peters Church, Aylesham (22-DO-1)****Notice Boards****£1000**

Bad weather had damaged the existing notice boards and replacements were needed to promote all the activities offered to the wider community of Aylesham. The grant was used to purchase a new freestanding noticeboard, two wall-mounted notice boards and two indoor notice boards for use by the community.



**Sutton Parish Community Hall (22-DO-3)**  
**Community Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration**  
**£670**

The Platinum Jubilee offered an opportunity for a day of fun and celebration for the whole community across all generations and was hosted by the Community Centre. The grant contributed to the costs of venue hire, publicity, refreshments and entertainment.

**Burgess Road Events (22-DO-10)**  
**Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party**  
**£2000**

A street party was held to mark the Platinum Jubilee and bring the residents together in celebration and harmony. The grant was used towards the costs of street decorations, presents for the children and entertainment, including music.

**The Parish of Upper Deal and Great Mongeham (22-DO-11)**  
**Community Outreach**  
**£589 (Sharing with Derek Murphy - £589)**

This grant was put towards the costs of setting up a website for the church for publicity purposes. The grant also helped to fund a Family Jubilee Tea with craft activity tables, a family music workshop and refreshments to bring the community together.

**Dover Branch of the Parachute Regiment Association (22-DO-21)**  
**Burgoyne Height Queen's Jubilee Celebration**  
**£2768**

The community of Burgoyne Heights comprises of private and military residents including Gurkha families.) The event was planned to celebrate the Jubilee, gain an understanding of Nepalese culture, as well as further developing a feeling of community. The celebration included a small military display and Nepali dancing. The grant helped to fund event safety equipment and entertainment for the event.

**Martha Trust (22-DO-22)**  
**Music on the Farm Community Festival**  
**£1582**

The festival has developed into a major promotional and fundraising event for Martha Trust and attracts a large audience. It is an inclusive event and creates and promotes disability awareness and inclusivity for all. The event offers opportunities for volunteering and engagement, and is a showcase for local musicians, traders and entertainers. The grant helped with marquee and portable toilet hire.

**Tilmanstone Parish Council (22-DO-23)**  
**Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**  
**£500**

The village hosted a Big Lunch Celebration event at the Cricket Ground for residents to mark the Platinum Jubilee and included the unveiling of a Jubilee bench. The grant helped with the costs of Jubilee signs for the village, the purchase of the Jubilee Bench, as well as napkins, tablecloths, cups and plates for the event.

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### **Great Mongeham Parish Council (22-DO-35)**

#### **Flower Festival and Arts & Craft Show**

**£500**

The village flower festival and arts and craft show celebrated the Platinum Jubilee, bringing the community together and provided an opportunity for residents to learn a new craft and support local artists. The grant contributed to the costs of the flowers and refreshments.

### **Ripple Parish Council (22-DO-47)**

#### **Traffic Improvement**

**£1437.36**

Data collected over three years had shown a need for traffic calming measures in the village, including moving speed terminals further out, to warn drivers they are entering a 30mph zone before they are in the village, and for new stop signs at the Mongeham Road and Pommeus Lane junction. The grant was used to help with the costs of these measures.

### **Aylesham4Aylesham (22-DO-48)**

#### **Aylesham Christmas Lights Turn On**

**£893**

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Derek Murphy

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### **North Deal Community Company CIO (22-DO-6)**

#### **Play and Stay**

**£400**

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#### **Carers' Fete Deal**

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**Tools for the Workshop**

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**Walmer Parochial Church Council (22-DO-56)**

**Upgrade to Church Loudspeakers and Warm Bank in St Mary's Church**

**£500**

The existing loudspeakers were not adequate when the church was full, so an upgrade of the system was needed. The grant contributed to the cost of providing speakers in all parts of the church, an extra amplifier, and a hearing aid loop.

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#### **Musical Training for Young Living Historians**

**£1000**

The band portrays the 1<sup>st</sup> Foot Guards, now called the Grenadier Guards from the Napoleonic era (1804-1815). Members pay an annual subscription and in return are loaned all the historically accurate clothing needed to perform their chosen roll. The band has seen an increase in interest and the grant contributed to the costs of uniforms and equipment to allow more people to join.

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**Pegasus Playscheme (22-DO-36)**

**Summer of Fun**

**£1000**

The project delivered a scheme to bring able-bodied teenage volunteers and disabled or disadvantaged young people together to work and play, sharing experiences to the benefit of all. The grant assisted with the costs of activities for the scheme.

**Emmaus Dover (22-DO-37)**

**Companion Wellbeing Fund**

**£400 (Sharing with Nigel Collor - £400 and Derek Murphy - £400)**

Emmaus Dover is a charity that provides accommodation, support and meaningful work opportunities for up to 27 men and women (known as Companions) that have previously experienced homelessness, social exclusion, poverty and a lack of opportunities. This grant helped with the setting up of a new Companion Wellbeing Fund to help improve their physical and mental health by accessing sport, leisure and personal care services over a period of 12 months.

**Rotary Club of Dover (22-DO-64)**

**100 Year 100 Children Project**

**£500 (Sharing with Nigel Collor - £500)**

The Rotary Club of Dover was established in 1922 and in their 100<sup>th</sup> year they wanted to give 100 disadvantaged children a day to remember. The children included young carers from the Dover SmArt Project and a number of primary schools were invited on a coach trip to Chessington World of Adventure. The grant helped to fund ticket costs and coach hire.

## Folkestone & Hythe– Member Grant Funding Breakdown of Spend

In total 38 grants were awarded for the 2022/23 period by Folkestone & Hythe Members. Of which:

- 13 grants were awarded to charities
- 4 grants were awarded to a church/faith group
- 8 grants were awarded to a community organisation
- 2 grants were awarded to KCC services
- 3 grants were awarded to not-for-profit organisations
- 2 grants were awarded to a District, Parish or Town Council
- 3 grants were awarded to schools
- 3 grants were awarded to sports organisations

9 Grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years, with the remaining 29 organisations new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Folkestone & Hythe Member's Annual Member Grant Spend and roll forward figure for 2023/24 period:

- **Susan Carey – Elham Valley**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £11,839.07 with a £6,060.93 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Tony Hills – Romney Marsh**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £11,748.15 with a £1,271.06 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Dylan Jeffrey – Folkestone West**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £11,575 with a £8,425 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Rory Love, OBE – Cheriton Sandgate & Hythe East**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £5,815 with a £6,613.30 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Jackie Meade – Folkestone East**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £6,743.70 with a £13,256.30 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Andy Weatherhead – Hythe West**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £6,410 with a £12,990 roll forward figure for 2023/24*

Total Folkestone & Hythe Member Spend for 2022/23 - £54,130.92

- £10,772.07 for community development projects
- £2,500 for community safety initiatives
- £11,427 for culture & heritage initiatives
- £2,000 for family support services projects
- £8,998.15 for open spaces projects
- £1,300 for adult social care initiatives
- £4,043.70 for primary school projects
- £13,090 for sport and recreation projects

## COMMUNITY MEMBER GRANTS

Susan Carey

### **Parents and Friends of Lyminge Primary School (22-FH-2)**

#### **Platinum Jubilee Storage Shed**

**£650**

Lyminge Primary School created a forest school, which included a pond area, mud kitchen and planting areas. These areas are used as an outside classroom and as part of the environmental and eco club for the children. The grant contributed to the purchase of a storage shed for equipment that would also be named and decorated to mark the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

### **Etchinghill Residents Association (22-FH-6)**

#### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

**£1000**

Etchinghill Residents Association hosted an event to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee which included lunch and games, to engender community spirit and wellbeing. The grant contributed to the costs of a commemorative bench, Jubilee coins, commemorative mugs and pens.

### **Folkestone Sports Centre Trust (22-FH-7)**

#### **Expanding the facilities within Hawkinge Community Centre**

**£3500**

The project increased the facilities and activities on offer within Hawkinge Community Centre to meet the high demand for additional space for sports, activities, clubs and classes as well as increase the health and fitness provision in the area. The funding supported the provision of sporting equipment for the Community Centre.

### **The Hawkinge Allotment Society (22-FH-28)**

#### **Entrance and Car Park Upgrade**

**£1000**

The grant contributed to the costs of building materials to make improvements to the entrance and car park area, to make it safer for pedestrians and other users of the area. The upgrade also made the entrance and car park more durable and less susceptible to wear and tear in the future.

### **Kent County Council (22-FH-31)**

#### **Kent Plan Bee wildflower seeds**

**£2500**

Kent's Plan Bee has a strong public engagement and outreach programme, delivered through social media and a monthly newsletter. It provides Kent's residents with advice on how they can help the declining pollinator population. One of the actions in the plan is to plant wildflowers to provide forage and food for pollinators and the grant assisted with the costs of purchasing and distributing seeds.



### **Hawking Cricket Club (22-FH-33)**

#### **Return to Cricket**

**£2000**

The scoreboard at the club no longer functioned properly despite attempts at fixing it, making it unsuitable to use in league matches. Additionally, the mobile practice net, which was used in coaching sessions for the U15 side at the club, had been damaged in a storm. The grant was provided to assist the Cricket Club in replacing both facilities.



### **St Marys Church, Sellindge (22-FH-35)**

#### **Safe Flooring**

**£692**

A section of the wooden flooring in the Church's community space had become unsafe and needed replacing. The grant was used to help with the costs of removing and replacing the damaged flooring and relaying the carpet after the works.

### **Kent County Council – Early Help (22-FH-36)**

#### **Youth Club**

**£497.07**

The project initially looked to engage with local young people and capture, in their own voices, what they would like to see from a youth service. This involved booking a space to provide hot drinks, sports equipment, music equipment and art supplies. The grant funding was awarded to provide games and activities for the project.

### Tony Hills

### **Romney Resource Centre (22-FH-1)**

#### **Small Counselling Room, Unit 4**

**£2000**

Funding was provided to convert an office and server room, to create therapy rooms. The new rooms provide good quality, safe, calm spaces where young people can access counselling and families can receive one to one support and advice.

### **New Romney in Bloom (22-FH-5)**

#### **Planters along the High Street**

**£500**

The project provided horticultural displays to make New Romney a more colourful and welcoming place for residents, businesses, and visitors. The grant assisted with the costs of planters for the project.

### **Lydd Town Council (22-FH-12)**

#### **The Banks Tennis Court Refurbishment**

**£5000**

The project to refurbish the tennis courts increased the range of sporting activity available created a genuine asset for the community by providing a clean, safe, and modern facility to inspire sporting participation. The grant contributed to the costs of refurbishing the site.

### **New Romney Counselling Services (22-FH-15)**

#### **Children's Room**

**£500**

Funding was provided for the refurbishment of the children's room at the premises, which had not been redecorated for several years. The grant also assisted with the provision of new furniture, sensory items, and toys to engage the children during counselling sessions, as many of the existing items were showing signs of wear and tear.

### **IMOS Foundation (22-FH-18)**

#### **Hope All Saints Memorial Garden**

**£3000**

The project further developed the Sculpture Park, Heritage Centre, and Memorial Garden at the site of

the ruined Church of Hope All Saints. During the Platinum Jubilee Year, it was proposed to add a memorial sculpture of the Queens of England to mark the occasion. The grant contributed to the artwork, materials, transport, and installation costs of the sculpture.

#### **Caring Altogether on Romney Marsh (CARM) (22-FH-24)**

##### **Generations Connect Community Allotment Project (New Romney)**

**£448.15**

A new allotment project had been set up and volunteers were in the early stages of working and preparing the area. A local gardening club confirmed their commitment to being involved in the project, with the aim of connecting young and older people together and the grant contributed to the costs of establishing the allotment spaces for the local community.

#### **Light Up New Romney (22-FH-25)**

##### **Light Up New Romney Community Lantern Parade and Late-Night Shopping 2022**

**£300**

Light Up New Romney is a free community lantern parade and late-night shopping event. The aim of the event is to promote community engagement and to support local businesses by encouraging the 'shop local' message. Member grant funding was awarded for lantern making materials.

Dylan Jeffrey

#### **Folkestone Festivals (22-FH-4)**

##### **Folkestone Bandstand Chairs**

**£500 (sharing with Jackie Meade - £500)**

Member Grant funding supported the purchase of new bandstand chairs for the community. The previous chairs were over 20 years old, and most were tattered, damaged or broken. The new chairs are available for use by the community and visitors at free entertainment activities and events.

#### **Parish of Our Lady and St Joseph, Folkestone, of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark (22-FH-11)**

##### **Summer Holiday Children's Club**

**£1200 (sharing with Rory Love - £300)**

Member Grant funding provided entertainment, snacks and equipment for a summer holiday club. This included various themed days throughout the holiday club, such as gardening, cooking, music, singing, dancing, artwork, and craft.

#### **Folkestone & Hythe Orchestral Society (22-FH-20)**

##### **2022-2023 Season Concerts**

**£1475**

Member Grant funding assisted with costs of staging three main classical concerts during the 2022-2023 season. This included the purchase of two additional acoustic shields, which the orchestra required to protect members' hearing.

#### **Folkestone Area Partnership Against Crime (22-FH-26)**

##### **Essential Radio communications replacement and upgrade**

**£2500**

Member Grant funding supported a project for essential radio communications and upgrades to local shops, which aimed to deliver a safe and secure environment where local people, and visitors to the area, can work and socialise free from the fear of crime and disorder.

### **SVP Conference Folkestone & Cheriton (22-FH-27)**

#### **Phase One of the Winter Project**

**£600**

The project helped identify people in the community who were facing loneliness or who no longer had access to their social networks following the pandemic. Grant funding provided afternoon social events and a tea dance to help combat social isolation.

### **The Gurkha Memorial Fund (22-FH-29)**

#### **Events equipment**

**£650 (Sharing with Rory Love - £650 and Jackie Meade - £650)**

Funding was used to support the purchase of three new gazebos so that annual events can continue, and regular gatherings can take place outside, without having to be reliant on clear weather. The gazebos are used by local groups, including local Nepalese communities, Gurkhas, and residents.

### **Folkestone Town Team (22-FH-30)**

#### **Umbrella & Various Hangings Project - Guildhall Street**

**£2000**

The project provided an artistic and eye-catching display of umbrellas and other hanging objects, with the aim of adding vitality and vibrancy to the area to improve opportunities for all businesses to be more successful, improve the local economy and support job creation. The grant contributed to the costs of fixtures and fittings along Guildhall Street for the installation.

### **SVP Conference Folkestone & Cheriton (22-FH-37)**

#### **Winter Project Celebrations**

**£400**

The project helped identify people in the community who were facing loneliness or who no longer had access to their social networks following the pandemic. The grant was used to help with the costs of a Christmas Dinner and a celebration to mark a thirty-year anniversary, including food, decorations and tableware for both events.

### **Stella Maris Catholic Primary School (22-FH-39)**

#### **Parental Engagement – Stella Maris Catholic Primary School**

**£2250**

Member grant funding supported the school in setting up and managing a social media presence. This helps the school to engage with parents and residents. It also allows the school to further encourage parents to support their children's learning, including reading or homework.

Rory Love, OBE

### **Folkestone Festivals (22-FH-3)**

#### **Platinum Jubilee Celebration Weekend**

**£500**

Folkestone Festivals provided a family event to mark the Platinum Jubilee. Funding was provided to help with the costs of entertainment at the event, including tribute bands, a swing band and music from different eras.

**Parish of Our Lady and St Joseph, Folkestone, of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark (22-FH-11)**

**Summer Holiday Children's Club**

**£300 (sharing with Dylan Jeffrey - £1200)**

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**The Folkestone-Hythe Operatic and Dramatic Society (22-FH-13)**

**The Tower Theatre heating and energy conservation project**

**£725**

The Tower Theatre is a Grade II listed building, which was formerly a garrison church. Due to its construction, there are several areas where energy and heat loss happens, and this project aimed to save energy and costs when heating the venue. The grant was awarded to remove and replace an aging fire door in the bar area of the building.

**Cheriton Bowls Club (22-FH-14)**

**Bank Planting Project**

**£590**

Member Grant funding was awarded to improve the garden landscape for all users by planting flowers and creating a focal point for the whole Cheriton community to benefit from. The planting also improves the street scene and local environment.

**Seabrook Church of England Primary School (22-FH-21)**

**Biodiverse Spiritual Garden**

**£1000**

Member Grant funding provided a biodiverse spiritual garden which offered a calm space for school children, parents, carers, and staff.

**Folkestone Rowing Club (22-FH-22)**

**Folkestone Rowing Club Young Rowers Initiative**

**£1500**

The club had seen a huge increase in the amount of interest from young people who wanted to learn to row, and Member Grant funding supported modifications being made to rowing boats so they can be used by younger rowers, in line with British Rowing regulations.

**The Gurkha Memorial Fund (22-FH-29)**

**Event equipment**

**£650 (sharing with Dylan Jeffrey - £650 and Jackie Meade - £650)**

Funding was used to support the purchase of three new gazebos so that annual events can continue, and regular gatherings can take place outside, without having to be reliant on clear weather. The gazebos are used by local groups, including local Nepalese communities, Gurkhas, and residents.

**Royal British Legion Cheriton and Morehall Branch (22-FH-34)**

**Queen's Jubilee Memorial Tree Planting**

**£550**

Member Grant funding supported the planting, watering and maintenance of two Norway Maple trees located adjacent to the main gate of the Military Cemetery. This project was intended to be a part of the Queen's Green Canopy scheme and to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

**Folkestone Festivals (22-FH-4)**

**Folkestone Bandstand Chairs**

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**Dads Unlimited (22-FH-23) Multi-District Award**

**Promotional Materials**

**£300 (£3,050 Total)**

Dads Unlimited is a charity supporting male victims of domestic abuse, males at risk of harm or with poor mental health. They support separated fathers, males experiencing family breakdown or males unable to gain meaningful contact with their children. The grant was used to contribute to production costs for promotional materials to raise awareness of their services and to help reach more people in need.

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**Event equipment**

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**St Mary's Primary Academy (22-FH-32)**

**Raised bed garden project**

**£1793.70**

The project created a school community garden of seven raised beds with the intention that the children and their parents will grow a variety of different crops across the different year groups. Member Grant funding supported the creation of the beds to promote the importance of growing, cooking and eating locally produced food, as well as promoting healthy living.

**Living Words (22-FH-38)**

**Living Words App Development**

**£2000**

Member Grant funding supported the development of a Listen Out Loud app, which is a live practice resource to enable more meaningful communication and connection between carers, residents, and relatives.

**Folkestone Town Council (22-FH-40)**

**Armed forces & Community fun day with air displays – Folkestone**

**£1000**

Folkestone's annual Armed Forces Day event celebrates the local Nepalese community whilst promoting the wider armed forces. The grant funded promotion materials for the fun day.

**Touchbase Care CIC (22-FH-41)**

**Touchbase Variety Show**

**£500**

Member Grant funding supported entertainment and food costs for a local variety show. The event focused on being accessible for disabled people as well as creating a space to advocate for disabled

people in the wider community.

Andy Weatherhead

**Romney Marsh Community Hub (22-FH-8)  
Room for Growth – Dementia Support Team  
£3800**

Services at the hub are expanding and changing and the project assisted to change an existing clinical room into a room where different services could be offered, including a new Dementia Support programme. The grant was put towards the costs of refurbishing the room, including flooring and redecoration.

**Musical Walkabout CIC (22-FH-10)  
Musical Walkabout - Hythe Outreach Pilot  
£1300**

This project trialled a combination of remote and outdoor in-person delivery of bespoke music and wellbeing activities which are designed to be person-centred and mobile. Member Grant funding supported the initial pilot project sessions in four care homes for residents experiencing social isolation or living with dementia.

**Turn The Tide Festival (22-FH-16)  
Turn The Tide Festival 2022  
£810**

The festival is planned and run by local volunteers with many links into every part of the community. The grant provided funding for community workshops and an art studio for the festival.

**East Kent Branch of the Grenadier Guards Association (22-FH-19)  
Platinum Jubilee Parade and Concert - October  
£500**

Member Grant funding supported transportation costs for the Band of Her Majesty's Grenadier Guards to provide a free parade and concert for the local community, which also forms part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

## Gravesham – Member Grant Funding Breakdown of Spend

In total 28 Grants were awarded for the 2022/23 period by Gravesham Members. Of which:

- 11 grants were awarded to charities
- 4 grants were awarded to church/ faith groups
- 5 grants were awarded to community organisations
- 3 grants were awarded to not-for-profit organisations
- 2 grants were awarded to schools
- 3 grants were awarded to Kent Highways

With the exclusion of Kent Highways, 11 Grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years, with the remaining 14 organisations new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Gravesham Member's Annual Member Grant Spend and roll forward figure for 2023/24 period:

- **Conrad Broadley – Northfleet and Gravesend West (2 Member Division)**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £4,912.96 with a £14,087.04 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Jordan Meade – Gravesend East (2 Member Division)**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £15,112.49 with a £2,122.51 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Alan Ridgers – Gravesend East (2 Member Division)**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £17,235 with a £0 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Dr Lauren Sullivan – Northfleet & Gravesend West (2 Member Division)**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £3,961.42 with a £13,897.58 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Bryan Sweetland – Gravesham Rural**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £14,253.62 with a £5,146.38 roll forward figure for 2023/24*

Total Gravesham Member Spend for 2022/23 - £55,475.49

- £724 for assistive equipment and technology projects
- £500 for business support services
- £23,297.96 for community development projects
- £1,000 for community safety initiatives
- £13,127.84 for culture & heritage initiatives
- £7,415 for open spaces projects
- £800 for primary school projects
- £5,452.49 for sport and recreation projects
- £3,158.20 for traffic management and road safety projects

## COMMUNITY MEMBER GRANTS

Conrad Broadley

### **Northfleet Central CIO (22-GR-3)**

#### **Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) Card Scheme**

**£3000**

The project supported Northfleet residents who were searching for work by providing suitable applicants with free CSCS training and certificate fees, which the grant part funded. This scheme encouraged residents to seek work by removing any obstacles that individuals may encounter either financially or practically to finding employment in the construction industry.

### **NW Kent Citizens Advice (22-GR-4) Multi District Award**

#### **IT Package**

**£500 (Total £4520)**

There had been a recent drive to make better use of technology and advice services more efficient in order to help more people, including training volunteer advisers remotely. The grant was used to purchase equipment packages consisting of laptops, headsets and phones for new volunteer advisers.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Rosherville Brownies (22-GR-26 & 22-GR-27)**

#### **Updating Equipment**

**£498.02 & £499.94**

The grant enabled purchase of a metal cupboard, storage boxes and equipment for activities for use at the hall. The metal cupboard replaced an existing broken one used to store equipment.

### **Hi Kent (22-GR-28)**

#### **Hearing Aid Support Outreach Clinic at Coldharbour Library, Northfleet**

**£415**

Hi Kent offers monthly Hearing Aid Support outreach clinics that are free of charge to residents. The grant supported the clinics by supplying maintenance kits, volunteer training and promotional materials to enable volunteers to provide a full cleaning and re-tubing service as well as batteries for NHS aids to ensure they are fully functioning.

Jordan Meade

### **Chalk PCC (22-GR-7)**

#### **Chalk Jubilee Garden**

**£3500 (Sharing with Alan Ridgers - £3500)**

The project created a community garden to mark the Platinum Jubilee, including features to encourage both exercise and contemplation. The grant contributed to the costs of creating the garden, including adapting a pond area as a planted community garden, the planting of trees and the installation of a Jubilee bench.



### **Slide Away (22-GR-9) Multi District Award**

#### **Website Redesign**

**£350 (Total £3850)**

Slide Away offers bereavement support for children following the death of a relative or friend. A new website was needed to be the primary source of information for parents, young people and professionals. The grant contributed to the costs of a bespoke website design and build, including an



online shop and secure resource area.

**Kent Farmers Market Association (22-GR-11) Multi-District Award**

**'Eat Kent'**

**£250 (Total £3950)**

The 'Eat Kent' project is an initiative to promote and support the county's local food chain. The project provides information on the benefits of local produce, when it is available, where it is grown/bred with links to recipes, as well as nutrition/allergy information in both digital and hard copy. Grant funding contributed towards print costs for promotional material.

**St George's Church (22-GR-14)**

**Queen's Memorial Bench**

**£707.50 (Sharing with Alan Ridgers - £707.50)**

The project aimed to provide a smart, sustainable bench in the grounds of St George's Church to mark the Platinum Jubilee. The grant contributed to the costs of purchasing and installing the bench.

**Gravesham Sanctuary (22-GR-16)**

**Provision of Emergency Accommodation for People Facing Homelessness in Gravesham**

**£1000**

The Sanctuary refurbished premises in Gravesend town centre to provide single room, supported, emergency accommodation for up to six rough sleepers. The grant assisted with the purchase of furnishings for the rooms.

**Gravesham Network Development CIC (22-GR-17)**

**Christmas in a Box Appeal**

**£600 (Sharing with Lauren Sullivan - £600, Alan Ridgers - £600 and Bryan Sweetland - £600)**

Christmas in a Box provided young carers with essential foods, household items and family games to encourage family time for those that may find the Christmas period tough. This was especially important following the rise in energy and food prices. The grant contributed to the costs of supplying the essential food and household items for 150 boxes.

**Christopher Centre Management Committee (22-GR-18)**

**Replacement of Fire Doors**

**£817.50 (Sharing with Alan Ridgers - £817.50)**

The Hall provides accommodation for a nursery school, dancing classes, karate clubs, Over 50's Clubs, Baptist Church and children's birthday parties and is the only hall in Riverview Park and the surrounding areas. The fire doors at the hall had been mended several times in the last five years but were coming to the end of their life and the grant helped to fund replacement doors.

**402 (Gravesend) Squadron – Royal Air Force Air Cadets (22-GR-19)**

**Squadron Update**

**£850 (Sharing with Alan Ridgers - £850)**

The squadron has nearly 60 young people attending on a regular basis from all parts of Gravesham. It offers activities to help them thrive in a disciplined structure and become more confident young people. The grant helped to fund new equipment needed, including Duke of Edinburgh equipment and band equipment.

**Emmanuel Baptist Church – Make Lunch (22-GR-20)**

**Christmas Lunch Hampers**

**£1500 (Sharing with Alan Ridgers - £500)**

The church has been running a holiday lunch scheme since 2016 and the number of families

experiencing difficulties has increased during that time. The grant helped to fund the supply of Christmas Hampers to families that are struggling in the area.

#### **Gravesend & District Sea Cadets (22-GR-23)**

##### **New First Aid Training Equipment**

**£541.49 (Sharing with Alan Ridgers - £2846)**

The Sea Cadets Corp provides educational and useful skills training to young people aged 10-18 in a fun, secure and safe environment helping them to develop personal, teamwork and leadership skills. The unit's first aid training equipment was past its serviceable date and did not meet the requirements for electronic monitoring and analysis of CPR. The grant helped fund the purchase of replacement equipment, including diverse mannequins to be used for CPR training.

#### **St Aidan's Church (22-GR-24)**

##### **Warm Space**

**£400**

The grant helped improve promotional materials and resources to raise awareness of a community centre called the Powerhouse, which comprises of meeting rooms, kitchen, WCs and a computer suite.

#### **Maritime Volunteer Service (MVS) (22-GR-30)**

##### **MVS Spring/Summer Community Programme 2023**

**£2500 (Sharing with Bryan Sweetland - £2500)**

The **Maritime Volunteer Service** is a national charity which formed a unit in Gravesend ten years ago to advance the education and training of its members and the general public in all aspects of maritime and communication skills and knowledge, and to protect and preserve life and property. The grant assisted with boat repairs, training and community days to offer taster sessions to local people.

#### **Gravesham Town Twinning Association (22-GR-31)**

##### **'Bringing People Together'**

**£1000 (Sharing with Alan Ridgers - £904.58 & Dr Lauren Sullivan - £995.42)**

The project aimed to reach out to the community through an art project, not only in Gravesham but also in the four areas that Gravesham is twinned with. The grant assisted with the costs of venue hire, art mounting materials and publicity for the project.

#### **Gravesend Historical Society (22-GR-32)**

##### **Northfleet's Forgotten Tunnels Booklet**

**£546 (Sharing with Alan Ridgers - £546)**

The project assisted with the publication of an illustrated historical book about the Second World War industrial workers' air raid shelters in the chalk under Fountain Walk in Northfleet. Whilst the labyrinth of concrete lined tunnels is of national heritage importance, it is largely unknown to the local community. The grant was used to help fund the production of the booklet.

#### Alan Ridgers

#### **Gravesham Network Development CIC (22-GR-5)**

##### **Basic Beginners Digital Technology**

**£724**

The grant assisted with the costs of training venue hire and the printing of beginners' booklets for digital technology workshops.

### **Chalk Village Gardeners Club (22-GR-6)**

#### **New Season New Growth**

**£840**

The project staged an Autumn Show Schedule, which would include children's classes, an annual garden show and an event with a guest speaker. The grant contributed towards the speaker's fee and the hire of the hall.

### **Chalk PCC (22-GR-7)**

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### **North West Kent Rangers CIC (22-GR-10)**

#### **Ground Maintenance Fund**

**£665**

The grant helped provide maintenance equipment for a newly formed club providing football opportunities for children in the Westcourt and surrounding areas of Gravesham. Equipment to mow and line the pitch allows the club to undertake its own maintenance enabling the money previously spent on maintenance contracts into other areas to better support the young people.

### **Gravesham Sanctuary (22-GR-12)**

#### **Provision of CCTV for supported temporary accommodation for rough sleepers in Gravesham**

**£1000**

The Sanctuary refurbished premises in Gravesend town centre to provide single room, supported, emergency accommodation for up to six rough sleepers. The grant assisted with the costs of supplying and installing CCTV at the site.

### **St George's Church (22-GR-14)**

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The project aimed to provide a smart, sustainable bench in the grounds of St George's Church to mark the Platinum Jubilee. The grant contributed to the costs of purchasing and installing the bench.

### **Friends of the Memorial Hall (Istead Rise) (22-GR-15)**

#### **Upgrade to Main Hall Lighting and Replacement of Hot Water Boiler**

**£1934.42 (Sharing with Bryan Sweetland - £1934.42)**

The grant assisted with funding an upgrade to the lighting and boiler at the hall. The lighting needed upgrading as the existing fluorescents did not provide enough light and, due to their height, were difficult and hazardous to maintain and clean. The hot water boiler had an ignition fault that could not be repaired and needed to be replaced.

### **Gravesham Network Development CIC (22-GR-17)**

#### **Christmas in a Box Appeal**

**£600 (Sharing with Lauren Sullivan - £600, Jordan Meade - £600 and Bryan Sweetland - £600)**

Christmas in a Box provided young carers with essential foods, household items and family games to encourage family time for those that may find the Christmas period tough. This was especially important following the rise in energy and food prices. The grant contributed to the costs of supplying the essential food and household items for 150 boxes.

### **Christopher Centre Management Committee (22-GR-18)**

#### **Replacement of Fire Doors**

**£817.50 (Sharing with Jordan Meade - £817.50)**

The Hall provides accommodation for a nursery school, dancing classes, karate clubs, Over 50's Clubs, Baptist Church and children's birthday parties and is the only hall in Riverview Park and the surrounding areas. The fire doors at the hall had been mended several times in the last five years but were coming to the end of their life and the grant helped to fund replacement doors.

### **402 (Gravesend) Squadron – Royal Air Force Air Cadets (22-GR-19)**

#### **Squadron Update**

**£850 (Sharing with Jordan Meade - £850)**

The squadron has nearly 60 young people attending on a regular basis from all parts of Gravesham. It offers activities to help them thrive in a disciplined structure and become more confident young people. The grant helped to fund new equipment needed, including Duke of Edinburgh equipment and band equipment.

### **Emmanuel Baptist Church – Make Lunch (22-GR-20)**

#### **Christmas Lunch Hampers**

**£500 (Sharing with Jordan Meade - £1500)**

The church has been running a holiday lunch scheme since 2016 and the number of families experiencing difficulties has increased during that time. The grant helped to fund the supply of Christmas Hampers to families that are struggling in the area.

### **Gravesend & District Sea Cadets (22-GR-23)**

#### **New First Aid Training Equipment**

**£2846 (Sharing with Jordan Meade - £541.49)**

The Sea Cadets Corp provides educational and useful skills training to young people aged 10-18 in a fun, secure and safe environment helping them to develop personal, teamwork and leadership skills. The unit's first aid training equipment was past its serviceable date and did not meet the requirements for electronic monitoring and analysis of CPR. The grant helped fund the purchase of replacement equipment, including diverse mannequins to be used for CPR training.

### **Gravesham Town Twinning Association (22-GR-31)**

#### **'Bringing People Together'**

**£904.58 (Sharing with Jordan Meade - £1000 & Dr Lauren Sullivan - £995.42)**

The project aimed to reach out to the community through an art project, not only in Gravesham but also in the four areas that Gravesham is twinned with. The grant assisted with the costs of venue hire, art mounting materials and publicity for the project.

### **Gravesend Historical Society (22-GR-32)**

#### **Northfleet's Forgotten Tunnels Booklet**

**£546 (Sharing with Jordan Meade - £546)**

The project assisted with the publication of an illustrated historical book about the Second World War

industrial workers' air raid shelters in the chalk under Fountain Walk in Northfleet. Whilst the labyrinth of concrete lined tunnels is of national heritage importance, it is largely unknown to the local community. The grant was used to help fund the production of the booklet.

Lauren Sullivan

#### **Gravesham Network Development CIC (22-GR-17)**

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#### **Lawn Primary School (22-GR-21)**

##### **Library Project**

**£800**

The grant helped fund a welcoming reading nook where the children can select new literature and read peacefully, which has continued to raise the profile of reading in the school. The children are surrounded by a selection of handmade shelves containing a range of new books with a decorated lattice framework above them to bring in a cosy feel.

#### **Gravesend Regatta Society (22-GR-29)**

##### **Boat Sponsorship & First Aid Course**

**£560**

Member Grant funding helped cover the cost of maintaining one of the society's boats for one year, as well as the fees for two members to attend a first aid course. By supporting the upkeep of the boat, the grant ensures the safety and longevity of the flagship vessel. The first aid training provides the team with the necessary skills and knowledge to respond to any emergency situations that may arise during events or outings.

#### **Gravesham Town Twinning Association (22-GR-31)**

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Bryan Sweetland

#### **Istead Park Project (22-GR-8)**

##### **Istead Park Project**

**£5000**

The Istead Park Project is a community group set up with the aim of updating the old and dilapidated play facilities at the community field. The grant contributed to the costs of supplying and installing a trampoline at the site.

### **Slide Away (22-GR-9) Multi-District Award**

#### **Website Redesign**

**£1000 (Total £3850)**

Slide Away offers bereavement support for children following the death of a relative or friend. A new website was needed to be the primary source of information for parents, young people and professionals. The grant contributed to the costs of a bespoke website design and build, including an online shop and secure resource area.

### **Meopham Players (22-GR-13)**

#### **Replacement Amplifier and Loudspeaker System**

**£1167**

Meopham Players is an amateur dramatic society who put on theatrical productions at the Village Hall. The grant assisted with the replacement of old sound equipment at the hall.

### **Friends of the Memorial Hall (Istead Rise) (22-GR-15)**

#### **Upgrade to Main Hall Lighting and Replacement of Hot Water Boiler**

**£1934.42 (Sharing with Alan Ridgers - £1934.42)**

The grant assisted with funding an upgrade to the lighting and boiler at the hall. The lighting needed upgrading as the existing fluorescents did not provide enough light and, due to their height, were difficult and hazardous to maintain and clean. The hot water boiler had an ignition fault that could not be repaired and needed to be replaced.

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### **Parents, Teachers and Friends of Vigo Village School (PTFA) (22-GR-22)**

#### **Infant Playground Upgrade**

**£1000**

The infant playground needed rejuvenation and a permanent piece of equipment, in the form of a train structure, to provide opportunities for climbing, role play and teamwork. The grant contributed to the costs of installing the play structure.

### **Maritime Volunteer Service (MVS) (22-GR-30)**

#### **MVS Spring/Summer Community Programme 2023**

**£2500 (Sharing with Jordan Meade - £2500)**

The Maritime Volunteer Service is a national charity which formed a unit in Gravesend ten years ago to advance the education and training of its members and the general public in all aspects of maritime and communication skills and knowledge, and to protect and preserve life and property. The grant assisted with boat repairs, training and community days to offer taster sessions to local people.

## HIGHWAY MEMBER GRANTS

Jordan Meade

**Kent Highways (22-KHS-GR-2)**

**Tymberwood Academy**

**£550 (Sharing with Alan Ridgers - £550)**

The school sits between two bends and residents had raised concerns about approaching traffic not being aware of the school's presence or being able to see pedestrians. The grant contributed to the installation of new pedestrian warning signs and 'slow' road markings and included traffic management costs.

Alan Ridgers

**Kent Highways (22-KHS-GR-2)**

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Dr Lauren Sullivan

**Kent Highways (22-KHS-GR-25)**

**Design Fee for a One-Way Scheme, Hamerton Road**

**£1006**

The grant funded the design fee for a one-way scheme along Hamerton Road, from Railway Street to Stonebridge Road, which helped to reduce congestion and enable traffic to flow more easily along Hamerton Road.

Bryan Sweetland

**Kent Highways (22-KHS-GR-1)**

**Memorial Roundabout Cobham**

**£1052.20**

The Parish Council wished to add wooden posts to the hedgerow line on the edge of a roundabout where there has been previous damage. The grant contributed to the wooden posts.

## Maidstone - Member Grant Funding Breakdown of Spend

In total 56 grants were awarded for the 2022/23 period by Maidstone Members. Of which:

- 23 grants were awarded to charities
- 3 grants was awarded to church/faith groups
- 2 grants were awarded to community groups
- 1 grant was awarded to a KCC service
- 1 grant was awarded to not-for-profit organisations
- 14 grants were awarded to District, Parish and Town councils
- 6 grants were awarded to schools
- 1 grant was awarded to a sports organisation
- 5 grants were awarded to Kent Highways

With the exclusion of Kent Highways, 25 Grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years, with the remaining 26 organisations new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Maidstone Member's Annual Member Grant Spend and roll forward figure for 2023/24 period:

- **Tom Cannon – Maidstone Central (2 Member Division)**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £1,053.33 with a £18,502.56 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Sir Paul Carter, CBE – Maidstone Rural North**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £12,350 with a £6,650 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Ian Chittenden – Maidstone North East**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £12,616.33 with a £1,833.67 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Gary Cooke – Maidstone South East**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £4,250 with a £14,750 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Paul Cooper – Maidstone South**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £10,334.52 with a £9,665.48 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Dan Daley – Maidstone Central (2 Member Division)**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £14,689.15 with a £5,310.85 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Lottie Parfitt-Reid – Maidstone Rural South**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £9,920 with a £7,350 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Shellina Prendergast – Maidstone Rural East**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £9,249.34 with a £7,350.66 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Simon Webb – Maidstone Rural West**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £13,679.97 with a £2,000.03 roll forward figure for 2023/24*

Total Maidstone Member Spend for 2022/23 - £88,142.64

- £32,477.52 for community development projects
- £2,000 for community safety initiatives
- £14,780 for culture & heritage initiatives
- £2,173.97 for early years projects
- £7,000 for environmental, highway and routine maintenance initiatives
- £11,875.34 for open space projects
- £7,304 for primary school projects
- £1,750 for public health initiatives
- £3,632.66 for sport and recreation projects
- £5,149.15 for traffic management and road safety projects



## COMMUNITY MEMBER GRANTS

Tom Cannon

### **Kent Farmers Market Association (22-MA-22) Multi District Award**

**'Eat Kent'**

**£300 (£3,950 Total)**

The 'Eat Kent' project is an initiative to promote and support the county's local food chain. The project provides information on the benefits of local produce, when it is available, where it is grown/bred with links to recipes, as well as nutrition/allergy information in both digital and hard copy. Grant funding contributed towards print costs for promotional material.

### **40F (Maidstone) Squadron ATC (22-MA-47) Multi District Award**

**Flight Simulator**

**£316.33 (£948.99 Total)**

The project enabled the replacement of a computer which ran the flight simulator programme. The existing computer frequently crashed, had long load times, and had unmaintainable parts which interrupted the available training time and learning experience of the Cadets.

Sir Paul Carter, CBE

### **Bearsted PC (22-MA-14)**

**Summer Playscheme**

**£1,000**

Member Grant funding provided a contribution to the hall hire for Bearsted Parish Council to provide a non-profit making Summer Play Scheme for primary school aged children from the local areas. In 2021 places exceeded 1000 and due to demand the Council increased the 2022 opening times from four hours to six hours per day.

### **Royal British Legion Industries (RBLI) (22-MA-17)**

**Centenary Village capital expansion project**

**£3,000**

The new Centenary Village is a mixed development which provides purpose-built accommodation for veterans and families in financial crisis. Member Grant funding helped to provide furniture for ten apartments.

### **Dandelion Time (22-MA-18)**

**Courtyard Project**

**£2,500 (Sharing with Simon Webb - £500)**

Dandelion Time created a paved courtyard area to improve disabled access to the charity's buildings and to provide a welcoming secure area for families to enjoy. Member Grant funding assisted in providing the costs of building materials and groundworks.

### **Blackthorn Trust (22-MA-26)**

**Career Learning and Development Pilot**

**£2,500 (Sharing with Dan Daley - £352)**

Blackthorn Trust works with people with mental health conditions and chronic, enduring health conditions, with service users typically spending about a year rehabilitating. To assist service users to transition at the end of their time, the Trust piloted a Career Learning and Development course to help participants identify their goals and discover their skills. The grant funding supported the provision of

the course and helped provide course materials and resources for participants.

**MHA Communities Kent (22-MA-42)**

**Madginford Lunch Club**

**£500**

Member Grant funding supported refreshment costs for a local community group serving the Madginford area who were seeking to start a monthly lunch club. The club provides a hot meal at a reduced cost to older people, who are experiencing isolation.

**FUSION (22-MA-50)**

**Homework Club**

**£1,000 (Sharing with Paul Cooper - £1000 and Simon Webb - £1000)**

The homework club provides teaching, tuition and support to young people and their families in need of improved numeracy, maths, literacy, and English skills in readiness for functional skills or GCSE examinations. The sessions include teaching examination techniques, motivation, and confidence building. The grant assisted with the costs of tutors and resources for the courses.

**Bredhurst Parish Council (22-MA-58)**

**Coronation Celebrations & Commemorative Bench**

**£1,850**

Bredhurst Parish Council provided a free event at the Community Barn to enable residents to come together to celebrate the King's Coronation and funding contributed to the purchase of food refreshment and entertainment. Additionally, the funding assisted with the purchase and installation of a commemorative bench in the centre of the village.

Ian Chittenden

**Vinters Park Residents' Association (22-MA-4)**

**Fire alarm and security**

**£2,000**

Funding was awarded to install a fire alarm and security system in order to protect users and ensure compliance with current safety regulations.

**Kent Farmers Market Association (22-MA-22) Multi District Award**

**'Eat Kent'**

**£500 (£3,950 Total)**

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**Ringlestone Community Centre Development Group (22-MA-23)**

**St Faith's Centre**

**£5,000.00**

A new purpose designed community centre (St Faith's Centre) is being constructed. Funding was awarded to enable the building of the boundary wall, which is a crucial part of the structure, and will also mean that the road can be widened to improve long term issues with a known narrow pinch point.

### **The Autism Apprentice (22-MA-29) Multi-District Award**

#### **IT Equipment**

**£300 (£2,297.67 Total)**

The Autism Apprentice provides virtual peer support groups to families and carers. Member Grant funding secured the provision of IT equipment to enable these sessions to continue.

### **Vinters Park Residents' Association (22-MA-45)**

#### **New Curtains and Fittings**

**£1,500**

The hall hosts several events for elderly residents but the acoustics in the hall creates hearing problems for those attending. The funding was awarded to purchase curtains and fittings to help reduce the issue caused by the acoustics and encourage more residents to attend events.

### **40F (Maidstone) Squadron ATC (22-MA-47) Multi-District Award**

#### **Flight Simulator**

**£316.33 (£948.99 Total)**

The project enabled the replacement of a computer which ran the flight simulator programme. The existing computer frequently crashed, had long load times, and had unmaintainable parts which interrupted the available training time and learning experience of the Cadets.

Gary Cooke

### **Fusion Maidstone (22-MA-6)**

#### **Introduction to IT**

**£1,000**

The project offered a multigenerational IT course to residents to address issues of isolation and enable residents to engage with online services and activities. The Member Grant funding assisted in the provision of laptops to enable IT literacy training.

### **Leeds Parish Council (22-MA-9)**

#### **Jubilee Celebrations**

**£2,500**

The project hosted a village celebration to mark the Platinum Jubilee, with events held across the Jubilee weekend. All residents had free access to the events, which promoted social integration and inclusion of all ages and populations in the parish. Funding was awarded to support the provision of equipment and facilities for the celebration.

### **Fusion Maidstone**

#### **Community Defibrillator (22-MA-56)**

**£750**

The project moved an existing internal defibrillator outside, in a locked cabinet, so that it would be more readily available to the local community. The funding assisted with the costs of sourcing the external unit and wiring installation costs.

**Harmony Maidstone (22-MA-16)**

**Re-Generation: an intergenerational project to re-energise the Harmony theatre for community use  
£1,930.00**

Member Grant funding supported refurbishment costs that included painting, supplies, equipment and cleaning services which regenerated the Harmony Theatre to help bring a community facility back into meaningful use. The regeneration has enabled community groups to access the space for their own projects and provide a range of volunteering opportunities for the community.

**Maidstone Childrens' Centre (22-MA-37)**

**Christmas party for vulnerable families  
£700**

Funding was awarded to the Maidstone Children's Centre to provide a Christmas party for vulnerable families in the local area, which enabled them to meet other families and encourage conversations. The funding provided activities, food, signposting and a gift for every child from Santa.

**Park Way Primary School (22-MA-40)**

**The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain - Barney & Echo, Caught in the Web Project  
£585**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

**Greenfields Community Primary School (22-MA-41)**

**The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain - Barney & Echo, Caught in the Web Project  
£650**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents, and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming, and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

**Tovil Parish Council (22-MA-48)**

**Replacement of Parish Council Noticeboards  
£4,385.77**

Funding was awarded to enable the Parish Council to install three new noticeboards as the current board were falling into disrepair.

**FUSION (22-MA-50)**

**Homework Club  
£1000 (Sharing with Paul Cooper - £1000 and Sir Paul Carter, CBE - £1000)**

The homework club provides teaching, tuition and support to young people and their families in need of improved numeracy, maths, literacy, and English skills in readiness for functional skills or GCSE examinations. The sessions include teaching examination techniques, motivation, and confidence building. The grant assisted with the costs of tutors and resources for the courses.

**The Family Trust (22-MA-51)**

**Essential office equipment and resources  
£1,083.75**

Member Grant funding supported the purchase of two new laptops for staff and helped with the costs

associated with ensuring all the volunteers who assist at the annual summer camp are suitably DBS checked. The laptops will be used in supporting core operational activities, including projects taking place in primary and secondary schools across Maidstone.

Dan Daley

**St Nicholas Church, Allington, Maidstone (22-MA-3)**

**Flagpole refurbishment**

**£300**

Funding enabled the refurbishment of the flagpole in Allington, to ensure it can be used to commemorate significant dates each year. Due to weathering and general ageing, the s flagpole required replacement fittings and general maintenance.

**Swale Community Leisure (22-MA-5)**

**Defibrillator for Community Centre in Allington**

**£1,000**

Hermitage Park Community Centre is a new community facility based in Allington and is situated along a well utilised bridle path, near several children's play parks and the new housing estate. Funding was awarded to enable the purchase of a public-use, external Defibrillator that is considered vital in this area.

**Allington Millennium Green**

**Platinum Jubilee celebration (22-MA-7)**

**£300**

The project hosted a community event to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, linked with World Environment Day and the Millennium Green's imminent designation as a Local Nature Reserve. The grant contributed to the costs of materials for a 'task day' to make the site ready for visitors.

**Blackthorn Trust (22-MA-26)**

**Career Learning and Development Pilot**

**£352 (Sharing with Sir Paul Carter, CBE - £2500)**

Blackthorn Trust works with people with mental health conditions and chronic, enduring health conditions, with service users typically spending about a year rehabilitating. To assist service users to transition at the end of their time, the Trust piloted a Career Learning and Development course to help participants identify their goals and discover their skills. The grant funding supported the provision of the course and helped provide course materials and resources for participants.

**Maidstone Museum Foundation (22-MA-39)**

**Art Gallery**

**£4000**

The museum has one of the best collections of lower and middle palaeolithic objects (Old Stone Age) in Britain but only a fraction of the artefacts is on display. New display cases, which form a sealed microclimate to protect the artefacts, are due to be used for a new living display project to be opened in 2024. Member Grant funding supported the purchase of the new cases.

**St Francis Catholic Primary School (22-MA-54)**

**The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain – Barney & Echo, Caught in the Web Project**

**£793**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents, and the wider community, on internet safety. It

includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming, and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

**Allington Primary School (22-MA-55)**

**The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain – Barney & Echo, Caught in the Web Project**

**£832**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents, and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming, and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

**Allington Millennium Green (22-MA-59)**

**Coronation Community Picnic**

**£400**

The project hosted a community event to celebrate the Coronation, with refreshments, activities and crafts available to attendees. The grant helped to fund the refreshments, including a celebratory cake, for the event.

Lottie Parfitt –Reid

**Staplehurst Parish Council (22-MA-8)**

**Youth Club Start Up**

**£1,000**

The previous incarnation of the village Youth Club had closed, and young people had no access to a youth club. Funding was awarded for Wi-Fi installation to reinstate the youth club, with the aim of providing social and leisure activities, including a computer club.

**Slide Away (22-MA-12) Multi District Award**

**Website Renewal**

**£300 (£3,850 Total)**

Slide Away offers bereavement support for children following the death of a relative or friend. A new website was needed to be the primary source of information for parents, young people and professionals. The grant contributed to the costs of a bespoke website design and build, including an online shop and secure resource area.

**Langley Parish Council (22-MA-13)**

**Clock Restoration**

**£1,500**

The war memorial clock is not only of historic value but is also a key focal point of the village, being situated on the tower of St Mary's Church. Funding was awarded to ensure the clock could be restored.

**Sutton Valence Parish Council (22-MA-15)**

**Platinum Meadow Scheme**

**£1,820**

Member Grant funding assisted with garden work costs and the purchase of a new fence for the newly named Platinum Meadow. Once established the area will be accessible for the community to enjoy, aiding the physical and mental wellbeing of both visitors and those who have views of the land from their homes.

**Staplehurst Under 5 Playgroup (22-MA-21)****Fencing for garden****£500**

The project replaced the existing fence at the playgroup, which was old, rotting and presented a safety issue. The replacement fencing provides greater site safety.

**Marden Parish Council (22-MA-28)****Marden Summer Play scheme****£300**

Member Grant funding provided a contribution to the hall hire for a non-profit making Summer Play Scheme for primary school aged children from the local areas. The play scheme runs for two weeks during the school summer holidays and provides children with the opportunity to try new things (sports, arts & crafts, drama) and make new friends.

**RBL Sutton Valence (22-MA-38)****Sutton Valence & District Branch RBL 100 years anniversary event - Reuniting people****£1000**

Member Grant funding supported refreshment costs and a visit to Leeds Castle for the 100-year anniversary of the Royal British Legion.

**Boughton Monchelsea Parish Council (22-MA-43)****Energy Efficiency Improvements to Boughton Monchelsea Village Hall****£3000**

Member Grant funding contributed to the costs of the supply and installation of photo voltaic (PV) panels and storage batteries to Boughton Monchelsea Village Hall. This project enables the hall to be energy self-sufficient for eight to ten months of the year.

**Chart Sutton PC (22-MA-53)****King's Coronation Big Lunch****£500**

The project was to host a Coronation Big Lunch, open to the whole village, to strengthen relationships across the community and bring together different generations. Member Grant funding supported the provision of a marquee, tables and chairs for the event.

Shelina Prendergast

**Detling Parish Council (22-MA-1)****Noticeboard Instillation****£1000**

The project's aim was to increase communication between the parish council and residents by using parish noticeboards to post official council notices and community information. The grant contributed to the costs of supplying five new noticeboards to be placed in key areas in the village.

**Lenham Bowling Club (22-MA-20)****Ditch Refurbishment****£2000**

The existing ditch/channel infrastructure was old and had been identified as a potential health and safety risk. The grant supported refurbishment costs to enable the continued use of the green.

**Kent Farmers Market Association (22-MA-22) Multi District Award**

**'Eat Kent'**

**£300 (£3,950 Total)**

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**The Autism Apprentice (22-MA-29) Multi District Award**

**IT Equipment**

**£300 (£2,297.67 Total)**

The Autism Apprentice provides virtual peer support groups to families and carers. Member Grant funding secured the provision of IT equipment to enable these sessions to continue.

**21together (22-MA-33)**

**Welcome Room**

**£850**

A library of useful texts was created in the parents' waiting area with the aim of providing access to literature that was either too costly or not known about by parents. Member Grant funding supported the creation of the library by providing a selection of books and See and Learn kits.

**Dads Unlimited(22-MA-35) Multi District Award**

**Promotional Materials**

**£500 (£3,050 Total)**

Dads Unlimited is a charity supporting male victims of domestic abuse, males at risk of harm or with poor mental health. They support separated fathers, males experiencing family breakdown or males unable to gain meaningful contact with their children. The grant was used to contribute to production costs for promotional materials to raise awareness of their services and to help reach more people in need.

**Broomfield and Kingswood Parish Council (22-MA-36)**

**Repair of white finger post**

**£505.34**

The existing white finger post signs were damaged and unsafe. To ensure residents were correctly directed to nearby towns and villages, the signs were repaired. Member Grant funding supported the repair costs.

**Harrietsham & Lenham Parish Residents Association (22-MA-44)**

**End of the Rainbow Food Station**

**£1500**

Member Grant funding supported the "End of the Rainbow Food Station" which is open every day to provide food and other household items for the vulnerable in the communities.

**Aspire Federation (22-MA-52)**

**Follow-up Pupil Wellbeing and Mental Health Support Plan**

**£1944**

Member Grant funding supported the provision of podcast equipment and yoga programmes to support mental health and wellbeing. The podcast equipment allows pupils to create their own online pupil newsletter. The yoga programmes were sought after a successful free session.



**All Saints PCC (22-MA-57)**

**Share Shack - Food bank and food waste community project**

**£350**

With the help of the local community, and built from recycled and donated materials, the church had organised the building of a share shack, where the community can access a food bank and surplus food can be shared, helping to reduce food waste. The grant contributed to the costs of providing a selection of basic food items for the foodbank.

Simon Webb

**West Farleigh Parish Council (22-MA-2)**

**Refurbishment of Play Area**

**£1000**

West Farleigh Parish Council wished to refurbish the play area as the swings and climbing apparatus were beginning to look tired and the colours had faded considerably. The project included a plan to make the area more accessible by adding inclusive equipment and installing a wheelchair friendly surface through the play area. The grant helped with the costs of installing the new surface.

**Slide Away (22-MA-12) Multi District Award**

**Website Re-Design**

**£300 (£3,850 Total)**

Slide Away offers bereavement support for children following the death of a relative or friend. A new website was needed to be the primary source of information for parents, young people, and professionals. The grant contributed to the costs of a bespoke website design and build, including an online shop and secure resource area.

**Dandelion Time (22-MA-18)**

**Courtyard Project**

**£500 (Sharing with Sir Paul Carter, CBE - £2500)**

Dandelion Time created a paved courtyard area to improve disabled access to the charity's buildings and to provide a welcoming secure area for families to enjoy. Member Grant funding assisted in providing the costs of building materials and groundworks.

**Hunton Church of England Primary School (22-MA-19)**

**Eden Sensory Garden**

**£2500**

Member Grant funding supported the creation of a sensory garden, comprising of a landscaped area surrounding a learning cabin, which would provide an outdoor learning area, as well as a quiet zone, for children with a range of needs.

**Team Tutsham Charitable Trust (22-MA-24)**

**Continuation of ongoing resources**

**£2500**

The Trust provides disadvantaged and vulnerable children with the opportunity to learn to care for and ride horses, whilst being able to socialise with other children of varying ages and backgrounds. The grant funding supported repair costs to the damaged fencing and equipment.

**Marden Wildlife (22-MA-30)****Volunteer Wildlife Surveys For Village Farms****£750**

The project conducted wildlife surveys in the local area by using moth traps at night on farms in Coxheath and Hunton to collect specimens for analysis and recording with the appropriate national recording bodies. Member Grant funding supported the purchase of three battery-operated moth traps and associated equipment to enable local volunteers to conduct the surveys.

**Loose Parish Council (22-MA-31)****Love Loose Hate Litter****£300**

Member Grant funding supported the 'Love Loose, Hate Litter' project with the provision of litter picking equipment including litter picking hoops, tabards, and gloves, to support volunteers to keep their local area clean.

**Holy Trinity Church, Coxheath (22-MA-32)****Fencing for stay and play group****£373.97**

Tiny Tots Toybox meet inside the church during school term times but were not able to access the outside space as it was unsafe due to damaged fencing and the proximity to a road. Member grant funding contributed to the costs of fencing and outdoor play equipment so that children and families could safely access the outdoor space.

**Hunton Village Hall (22-MA-34)****Upgrading the village hall heating****£500**

The hall had ten bar heaters that used a significant amount of electricity per hour, and whilst providing some heat to those directly below, once switched off the heat dissipated rapidly. Member Grant funding supported the provision of infrared heating to replace the old heaters.

**FUSION (22-MA-50)****Homework Club****£1,000 (Sharing with Paul Cooper - £1000 and Sir Paul Carter, CBE - £1000)**

The homework club provides teaching, tuition and support to young people and their families in need of improved numeracy, maths, literacy, and English skills in readiness for functional skills or GCSE examinations. The sessions include teaching examination techniques, motivation, and confidence building. The grant assisted with the costs of tutors and resources for the courses.

**Mid Kent Branch Motor Neurone Disease Association (22-MA-46)****Delivery and installation of 5 home access ramps****£1956**

People with Motor Neurone Disease experience rapid deterioration in their mobility, speech and breathing, with most people becoming wheelchair users very quickly. This often results in people being confined to their homes due to access issues. Member Grant funding assisted with the provision of five access ramps to ensure people can get in and out of their homes safely.

## HIGHWAY MEMBER GRANTS

Tom Cannon

### **Kent Highways (22-KHS-MA-11)**

#### **Automatic Traffic Count (ATC) Surveys £437**

Funding was provided to carry out ATC surveys in Queens Avenue, Queens Road and two surveys in Bower Mount Road. The surveys will provide details of vehicle speeds and volume to determine if there is an issue which could affect road safety and quality of life for residents.

Ian Chittenden

### **Kent Highways (22-KHS-MA-10)**

#### **Monktons Lane - Kerblin Installation**

**£3000**

Funding was provided to install a kerblin and widen the road at the top of Monktons Lane adjacent to the new community centre to reduce the bottleneck and enable safer entry and egress from the road

Dan Daley

### **Kent Highways (22-KHS-MA-25)**

#### **Repair of Concrete Roads, Allington Way**

**£5,000.00**

Funding was provided to contribute to the costs of repairing the concrete roads in Allington ward, starting with Allington Way.

### **Kent Highways (22-KHS-MA-49)**

#### **Installations of Broxap Bollards, Grace Avenue**

**£1,712.15**

Grant funding contributed to the cost of installation of Broxap bollards on the corner of Grace Avenue green space to prevent vehicle overrun and mud being transferred to the footways and carriageways during winter periods.

Simon Webb

### **Kent Highways (22-KHS-MA-27)**

#### **Surfacing Works, Parkway, Coxheath**

**£2000**

Funding contributed towards surfacing works in Park Way, Coxheath, following constituent requests, which would improve the surface and ride quality of the existing concrete road.

## Sevenoaks – Member Grant Funding Breakdown of Spend

In total 32 grants were awarded for the 2022/23 period by Sevenoaks Members. Of which:

- 6 grants were awarded to charities
- 1 grant was awarded to a church/faith group
- 3 grants were awarded to community organisations
- 1 grant was awarded to a KCC service
- 6 grants were awarded to a District, Parish or Town Council
- 7 grants were awarded to schools
- 1 grant was awarded to a sports organisation
- 7 grants were awarded to Kent Highways

With the exclusion of Kent Highways, 5 Grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years, with the remaining 20 organisations new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Sevenoaks Member's Annual Member Grant Spend and roll forward figure for 2023/24 period:

- **David Brazier – Sevenoaks Rural North East**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £12,118.08 with a £5,881.92 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Nick Chard – Sevenoaks West**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £390 with a £18,760 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Perry Cole - Swanley**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period – £10,140.31 with a £6,347.48 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Roger Gough – Sevenoaks North & Darent Valley**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £12,103.63 with a £5,000.16 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Margot McArthur – Sevenoaks Rural South**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £13,472.08 with a £5,772.36 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Richard Streatfeild, MBE**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £15,929 with a £3,571 roll forward figure for 2023/24*

Total Sevenoaks Member Spend for 2022/23 - £64,153.10

- £9,534 for community development projects
- £2,000 for culture and heritage initiatives
- £829 for mental health initiatives
- £3,500 for open spaces projects
- £6,973.80 for primary school projects
- £1,000 for public health initiatives
- £15,715.55 for sport and recreation projects
- £23,586.51 for traffic management and road safety projects
- £1,014.24 for winter services

## COMMUNITY MEMBER GRANTS

David Brazier

### **Milestone Academy (22-SE-8)**

**The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain Barney & Echo, Mindfulness Project**

**£300**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

### **Fawkham Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School (22-SE-9)**

**The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain Barney & Echo, Mindfulness Project**

**£300**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

### **Hartley Primary Academy (22-SE-17)**

**The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain Barney & Echo, Mindfulness Project**

**£780**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

### **Fawkham & Hartley PCC Buildings Committee (22-SE-32)**

**Re-surface of St Marys Car Park Fawkham**

**£2500**

Member Grant funding supported the costs of re-surfacing the village car park to make it safer to use and avoid dangerous parking on nearby roads. The original tarmac surface had either broken away or had large potholes, making it liable to damage cars and be a trip hazard for pedestrians.

### **Friends of Fawkham (22-SE-33)**

**Adventure Play Area**

**£7500**

Member Grant funding was provided to assist with the provision of a new all-inclusive adventure playground equipment at Fawkham Primary School.

### **Kent Farmers Market Association (22-SE-10) Multi District Award**

**Eat Kent**

**£400 (£3, 950 Total)**

The 'Eat Kent' project is an initiative to promote and support the county's local food chain. The project provides information on the benefits of local produce, when it is available, where it is grown/bred with links to recipes, as well as nutrition/allergy information in both digital and hard copy. Grant funding contributed towards print costs for promotional material.

Nick Chard

**Chevening, St Botolph's C.E Voluntary Aided Primary School (22-SE-19)**  
**The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain Barney & Echo, Mindfulness Project**  
**£390**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

Perry Cole

**2<sup>nd</sup> Swanley Scout Group (22-SE-3)**  
**Replacement Floor**  
**£2000**

The scout hut had been used by Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Scouts for several years but following the lack of use during the pandemic several maintenance issues occurred, including the floor lifting. The grant contributed to the costs of works to prevent future lifting of the floor, a total floor replacement and damp protection.

**593 (Swanley) Squadron Air Force Air Cadets (22-SE-20)**  
**Flight Simulator**  
**£2168.95**

The project provided access to a computer-based flight simulator which allowed the cadets to simulate flying controls and trimming, The grant was put towards the costs of a new computer, flight simulator software and a monitor.

**Swanley Bowls Club (22-SE-21)**  
**Conserve and strengthen edge of bowls green**  
**£918.60**

Member Grant funding was awarded to strengthen the edge of the bowling green to maintain the quality of the green and the high standard of play at the club. Strengthening work also enabled the use of ramps to access the green, which assist those with mobility issues.

**Swanley Town Council (22-SE-29)**  
**Bollards for London Road, Swanley.**  
**£1000**

The project installed new bollards along London Road, Swanley to improve safety for pedestrians by preventing cars parking on the pavement and grassland. Funding assisted with the costs of supplying and installing the bollards.

**We Are Beams (22-SE-30)**  
**Acoustic Fencing for We Are Beams Respite Centre**  
**£2000**

Member Grant funding supported a perimeter fence around the garden at the respite centre to keep the children at the centre safe. Children from Sevenoaks, Dartford, Gravesham and surrounding areas benefit from the garden, which is a great space for them to run, play, express themselves, let off steam and keep fit after spending time indoors.

**Shaw Hall Social Club (22-SE-2)**

**Recreational equipment**

**£1750**

Member Grant funding supported the purchase of a replacement indoor bowls mat, as the existing one was old and the foam backing had perished, affecting play. The grant also assisted with the purchase of two exercise bikes for use at a weekly exercise class.

**St Lawrence Primary School (22-SE-13)**

**Ukrainian Pupil Support**

**£800**

Despite being a small rural school, there were several Ukrainian children, from 5-10 years old, in the school who had little English. The school was assisted in supporting the children by a local Ukrainian English teacher, and the grant contributed to the costs of books and language resources to aid the children in their education.

**Farningham Parish Council (22-SE-14)**

**Traffic Regulation Order for the 20mph scheme in Farningham**

**£233.75**

Following traffic studies in Farningham, the area has been identified as suitable for a 20mph speed limit scheme and a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) had been carried out. Member Grant funding assisted with the costs of the TRO.

**Kemsing Primary School PTA (22-SE-16)**

**Go-Kart for Science Club**

**£1903.80**

Following the success of year 5/6 pupils in the Lego League competition, the school's Science Club wanted to design and build a go-kart. The club is open to any school pupil and run by volunteers and the go-kart kit will be able to be reused for several years. The grant contributed to the costs of the kit.

**Darent Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme (22-SE-25)**

**Shoreham Station to Shoreham Village Footpath**

**£1000**

Shoreham station is currently only accessible for pedestrians by walking along a busy, poorly lit road with cars parked along the sides. A permissive surfaced footpath will be created in an adjacent field with an accessible gate. This will create a safe route from the village centre to the station. The grant contributed to the costs of fencing for the project.

**Eynsford Parish Council (22-SE-27)**

**New Football Pitch for Eynsford**

**£3378**

The project created an improved football pitch to bring football to a wider range of people by attracting youth, women's and walking teams. The existing pitch was on a slope with poor drainage, only usable in autumn and late spring and deemed below standard by the FA. The proposed new pitch will be on a level area with good drainage, FA compliant, more accessible and usable all season. The grant helped with the costs of groundworks for the new pitch.

Margot McArthur

**Commonwork Trust**

**Keeping our Community Safe and Well (22-SE-1)**

**£1000**

The project purchased and installed a defibrillator at Bore Place in West Kent, which is home to the Commonwork Trust, Commonwork Organic Farm, and organic market gardens. The site hosts a residential venue and an environmental education programme for vulnerable and disadvantaged young people, as well as welcoming members of the public. The grant contributed to the costs of supplying and installing a defibrillator on site.

**Chiddingstone Parish Council**

**Chiddingstone Causeway speed reduction measures (22-SE-7)**

**£3000**

A Traffic Regulation Order was implemented to reduce the speed limit to 30mph to improve safety for residents and users of local amenities. The grant contributed to the costs of installing the speed limit reduction.

**Markbeece Village Hall**

**Centenary Project (22-SE-12)**

**£1500**

The land on which Markbeece Village Hall stands was acquired in 1922 and the Hall was built the following year and is a valuable village asset. The hall required several renovation projects due to its aging infrastructure to enable continued and expanded community use. The grant helped fund the kitchen upgrade.

**Leigh Parish Council**

**Coffee Caravan (22-SE-23)**

**£2000**

The Coffee Caravan initiative had, for several years, been run by Action with Communities in Rural Kent, but the focus now is on local communities taking the initiative forward. The new coffee caravan initiative helps combat loneliness and isolation, is a welcoming place for people to meet and holds information on other help and services available. The grant contributed to the costs of setting up the initiative and the first year of operation.

**Leigh Primary School**

**School Library (22-SE-24)**

**£2500**

Member Grant funding assisted with the costs of establishing a school library. The school library enables families to visit the school together to borrow books.

**Edenbridge Town Council**

**Rickards Community Hall-facilities improvements (22-SE-31)**

**£3134**

The existing seating/chairs in the hall were over twenty years ago and with a sustained high level of use, were breaking regularly, which reduced the number available. The grant was used to purchase replacement chairs.



Richard Streatfeild, MBE

**Sevenoaks Summer Festival**

**Youth & Community Stage at Festival Fair. (22-SE-4)**

**£500**

The Music Stage is an annual feature of the open-air Festival Fair, with local schools, youth groups and community groups being invited to perform throughout the day. The grant contributed to the costs of the marquee, staging and lighting.

**Sevenoaks Samaritans**

**Volunteer Recruitment Drive (22-SE-22)**

**£829**

Sevenoaks Samaritans has run since 2020 and had increased in size to 110 listening volunteers and 10 support volunteers. There was a need for more volunteers to meet demand and the grant contributed to the costs of a recruitment campaign for another 75 volunteers. The campaign includes leaflet drops, banners, an online presence and information stands at local events.

## HIGHWAY MEMBER GRANTS

David Brazier

### **Kent Highways (22-KHS-SE-26)**

**Salt Bin, Skudders Hill, Fawkham**

**£338.08**

Member grant funding provided a new salt bin, including filling with a salt and sand mix, on Skudders Hill at the junction with Three Gates Road to improve safety for road users.

Perry Cole

### **Kent Highways (22-KHS-SE-18)**

**Tactile paving installed, Bartholomew Way junction with Birchwood Park Avenue, Swanley**

**£2052.76**

Funding enabled the installation of tactile paving at an existing pedestrian crossing to make this crossing point more accessible to visually impaired users. It would also address the gradient of the existing pavement on the northeast side of Bartholomew Way, which had been highlighted as a concern.

Roger Gough

### **Kent Highways (22-KHS-SE-5)**

**Salt Bin, Church Road, Crockenhill**

**£338.08**

Member grant funding provided a new salt bin, including filling with a salt and sand mix, on Church Road, Crockenhill near the junction of Harvest Way to improve safety for road users.

### **Kent Highways (22-KHS-SE-15)**

**Drainage Survey, Pilgrims Road East, Otford**

**£2700**

Funding enabled the undertaking of a drainage survey to design suitable drainage measures for traffic calming of Pilgrims Road East.

Margot McArthur

### **Kent Highways (22-KHS-SE-28)**

**Salt Bin, Paiges Farm Close, Weald**

**£338.08**

Member grant funding provided a new salt bin, including filling with a salt and sand mix, on Paiges Farm Close to improve safety for road users.

**Kent Highways (22-KHS-SE-6)**

**Mini Speed Indicator Device (SID), Sevenoaks Town Council area**

**£4000**

Funding procured a portable mini-Speed Indicator Device (SID) and installed posts at locations across the Sevenoaks Town Council area to increase awareness of the prescribed speed limit and assist in mitigating inappropriate speed.

**Kent Highways (22-KHS-SE-11)**

**20 mph plus an element of 30mph on A25, Sevenoaks Town Wide**

**£10,600**

The scheme reduced the speed limits, which provides a safer, healthier and cleaner town as well as assisting with the closely related Active Travel scheme.

## Swale – Member Grant Funding Breakdown of Spend

In total 38 grants were awarded for the 2022/23 period by Swale Members. Of which:

- 9 grants were awarded to charities
- 2 grants were awarded to church/faith group
- 5 grants were awarded to community organisations
- 1 grant was awarded to not-for-profit organisations
- 5 grants were awarded to District, Parish or Town Councils
- 5 grants were awarded to schools
- 5 grants were awarded to sports organisations
- 6 grants were awarded to Kent Highways

With the exclusion of Kent Highways, 24 Grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years, with the remaining 8 organisations new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Swale Member's Annual Member Grant Spend and roll forward figure for 2023/24 period:

- **Mike Baldock – Swale West**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £9,398 with a £8,476 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Cameron Beart – Sheppey (2 Member Division)**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £5,262 with a £10,084.97 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Andy Booth – Sheppey (2 Member Division)**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £9,587.64 with a £6,427.41 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Mike Dendor – Sittingbourne North**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £7,100 with a £10,888 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Antony Hook - Faversham**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £1,006 with a £17,784.96 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Rich Lehmann – Swale East**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £7,344.42 with a £7,349.57 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **John Wright – Sittingbourne South**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £9,126 with a £6,024 roll forward figure for 2023/24*

Total Swale Member Spend for 2022/23 - £48,824.06

- £9,836.64 for community development projects
- £1,000 for community safety projects
- £3,236 for culture and heritage initiatives
- £1,170 for family support services projects
- £900 for mental health support projects
- £3,500 for open spaces projects
- £3,178 for primary school projects
- £600 for public health initiatives
- £20,203 for sport and recreation projects
- £294.42 for streetlighting projects
- £4,406 for traffic management and road safety projects
- £500 for winter services projects

## COMMUNITY MEMBER GRANTS

Mike Baldock

### **Iwade & Bobbing Schools (22-SW-15)**

**The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain – Barney & Echo, Caught in the Web Project**

**£1248**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

### **Upchurch Choral Society (22-SW-21)**

**Jubilate November Concert**

**£450**

The project staged a concert for the enjoyment of the residents of Upchurch and the surrounding area. The funding contributed to the costs of soloists for the concert.

### **Hartlip Village Hall**

**Replacement of stage flooring and steps (22-SW-24)**

**£1500**

The hall enables the community to come together to make connections and friendships, as well as enjoying activities. The hall was showing signs of decline and Member Grant funding was awarded to help with the costs of replacing the stage flooring and steps.

### **Lower Halstow Parish Council (22-SW-27)**

**CCTV at Brickfields**

**£1000**

Member Grant funding was awarded to support the installation of CCTV covering the entrance to the Brickfields, which is an amenity area for residents and visitors. The biodiversity of the area is special including many species of red and amber listed birds. There had been damage to shrubs in the area and trees had been cut back without consultation and the provision of CCTV is to help to deter antisocial behaviour and environmental destruction.

### **Hartlip Village Hall (22-SW-28)**

**Parapet Wall Repair**

**£3234**

The hall enables the community to come together to make connections and friendships, as well as enjoying activities. The hall was showing signs of decline and Member Grant funding was awarded to assist with the cost of repairing the parapet wall, specifically scaffolding and repointing.

### **Sittingbourne Christmas Lights and Sleigh Rounds (22-SW-29)**

**Installation of Christmas Lights and Switch on Day in High Street**

**£500 (Sharing with John Wright - £500)**

Sittingbourne Christmas Lights and Sleigh Rounds runs the Christmas lights in Sittingbourne's High Street, and also runs the Father Christmas sleigh rounds that visit residential areas in Sittingbourne and nearby towns to entertain children in the evenings leading up to Christmas. The funding contributed to the cost of the Christmas lights.

### **Lower Halstow Neighbourhood Watch (22-SW-35)**

#### **Winter Warmers with the neighbourhood watch**

**£300**

Funding enabled the organisation to engage with the community during the cost-of-living crisis and to use the village hall as a warm space venue. The funding contributed to the cost of the village hall hire, as well as items such as blankets.

### **21 Together (22-SW-38)**

#### **Bredgar Train Event Fun Day**

**£666 (Sharing with Rich Lehmann - £350 and John Wright - £670)**

The project staged a fun day for those connected to the Down's syndrome community, including family, friends, professionals and carers. The day included train and tractor rides, inflatables and soft play areas and live music. The funding helped with the provision of entertainment for the day.

Cameron Beart

### **The Autism Apprentice (22-SW-3) Multi District Award**

#### **IT Equipment**

**£600 (£2,297.67 Total)**

The Autism Apprentice provides virtual peer support groups to families and carers. Member Grant funding secured the provision of IT equipment to enable these sessions to continue.

### **Queenborough Town Community Centre Limited (22-SW-9)**

#### **Bereavement Café**

**£900**

There had been a provision for bereavement, through a café style face to face meet up, since 2018. It began small and had grown to be successful. The demand for the provision had increased in recent years due to COVID and the grief, loss and isolation that it caused. The funding contributed to the cost of hall hire and refreshments.

### **2nd Sheppey Scout Group (22-SW-20)**

#### **Coach Trip**

**£390**

Scouting gives children the chance to take part in activities such as camping, the Sweeps Festival and visiting museums. Each activity builds character, independence and enables children to learn valuable life skills. Funding was awarded to enable an educational coach trip to Chatham Dockyard.

### **Minster (Sheppey) Cricket Club (22-SW-23)**

#### **New Premier League Mobile Wicket Covers**

**£3372 (Sharing with Andy Booth - £3372)**

The Minster Cricket Club was awarded funding to purchase new mobile wicket covers. As part of the Kent Premier League rules, covers must be fit for purpose and without them organisations are automatically removed from the league.

Andy Booth

### **The Autism Apprentice (22-SW-3) Multi District Award**

#### **IT Equipment**

**£597.67 (£2,297.67 Total)**

The Autism Apprentice provides virtual peer support groups to families and carers. Member Grant

funding secured the provision of IT equipment to enable these sessions to continue.

**APEX Boxing Academy (22-SW-5)**

**Gym Equipment**

**£899**

The project improved facilities at the gym to offer and promote access to green spaces, sport and healthy activities and improve the health and well-being of young people and adults on the Isle of Sheppey. The grant was awarded to enable the purchase of new equipment.

**Blue Town Remembered (22-SW-7)**

**Disability Improvements**

**£998.97**

The organisation hosts coach parties from all over Kent and the surrounding counties to visit Blue Town for the shows hosted at the Criterion Music Hall. The organisation also works with schools with the aim of inspiring them to emulate some of the world-famous people who have been involved with Sheppey. Funding was awarded to enable the organisation to refurbish their toilets to improve accessibility.

**Sheerness East Youth FC (22-SW-17)**

**Training Equipment, Balls and Kit**

**£3720**

Funding was provided to Sheerness East Youth FC to enable them to purchase training equipment and kit for their players. This included replacement nets, training balls, match balls, training poles and crowd/respect barriers, as well as other equipment.

**Minster (Sheppey) Cricket Club (22-SW-23)**

**New Premier League Mobile Wicket Covers**

**£3372 (Sharing with Cameron Beart - £3372)**

The Minster Cricket Club was awarded funding to purchase new mobile wicket covers. As part of the Kent Premier League rules, covers must be fit for purpose and without them organisations are automatically removed from the league.

Mike Dendor

**Sittingbourne Judo Club (22-SW-4)**

**Mat Replacement Fund**

**£3000**

The club has been running for twenty-five years and the mats they were using were getting towards the end of their lifespan. Member Grant funding contributed to the costs of purchasing new mats to enable the club to safely carry on in the long term.

**Sittingbourne FC (22-SW-19)**

**Youth Academy With Schools**

**£1000 (Sharing with John Wright - £1000)**

The project provided a player and a coach to enable free training sessions to take place in schools across the area that would also include free talks and match tickets. Member Grant funding assisted with the costs of providing the sessions, including funding towards the purchase of new equipment.

**Swale Gloves Amateur Boxing Club (22-SW-22)**

**New equipment**

**£2000 (Sharing with John Wright - £1000)**

The organisation secured funding to assist in setting up a new session for children aged 5-8 years old. Member Grant funding contributed to the cost of new equipment, such as boxing gloves, skipping ropes and punch bags.

Rich Lehmann

**Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council (22-SW-2)**

**Defibrillator**

**£300**

Funding contributed to a defibrillator to be installed which is available for use by the community in this rural location.

**Community Heritage Events (22-SW-8)**

**Faversham Hop Festival**

**£500**

Faversham Hop Festival is a community-led, free, street festival celebrating the town's hop picking heritage and showcasing local artists and musicians. It attracts over 20,000 visitors and brings significant economic benefits to local hospitality and other visitor economy-based businesses. Funding was provided towards entertainment costs.

**Bapchild Parish Council (22-SW-11)**

**Bus Shelter Refurbishment**

**£1000**

Bapchild is one of the villages which is situated along the A2, and the bus shelter sits adjacent to the busy trunk road. The Parish Council was awarded funding towards the cost of refurbishing the bus shelter.

**Bredgar Parochial Church Council (22-SW-13)**

**Hinkins Croft**

**£500**

Hinkins Croft is being developed as a space that could be used by the church, schools and the wider community to promote wellbeing and education on 'eco' focussed topics. Funding was awarded to the organisation to enable them to purchase a communal metal shed, which provides a space to socialise and store equipment and tools.

**Throwley Parish Council (22-SW-18)**

**Telephone box refurbishment**

**£300**

The Parish Council had already sited a defibrillator in the red telephone box. The phone box had deteriorated, and Member Grant funding was awarded to enable the Parish Council to refurbish it.

**Boughton under Blean Parish Council (22-SW-26)**

**Cost of living crisis**

**£300**

The project provided help to the community during the winter months by providing a warm and safe environment for people to relax and socialise in. The funding contributed to the cost of hall hire and refreshments.



### **Age UK Faversham & Sittingbourne (22-SW-37)**

#### **New Boiler**

**£2000**

Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne support the physical and mental wellbeing of over 500 people a week. They also offer support to carers and family members. Funding was awarded to the organisation to enable them to purchase a new boiler for their day centre, which provides a range of activities for residents.

### **21 Together (22-SW-38)**

#### **Bredgar Train Event Fun Day**

**£350 (Sharing with Mike Baldock - £666 and John Wright - £670)**

The project staged a fun day for those connected to the Down's syndrome community, including family, friends, professionals and carers. The day included train and tractor rides, inflatables and soft play areas and live music. The funding helped with the provision of entertainment for the day.

### **Friends of Tunstall Church (22-SW-39)**

#### **Tunstall Community Coronation Fun Day**

**£300 (Sharing with John Wright - £306)**

A Community Fun Day to mark the Coronation was organised by the Friends of Tunstall Church. The event provided an opportunity for members of the community of all ages to get together and have fun. It also provided access to information from several volunteer groups who offer help and support. Funding was awarded to support entertainment costs.

### **Brogdale Collections (22-SW-41)**

#### **Brogdale Collections defibrillator request**

**£300**

The organisation wanted to install a defibrillator on site for the safety and wellbeing of visitors, staff and volunteers. Member Grant funding contributed to the purchase of a defibrillator.

### John Wright

### **South Avenue Primary School (22-SW-1)**

#### **Book Sponsorship**

**£500**

One third of the children attending the school had little or no access to books at home. During the pandemic, the children had no access to books at school and so reading and literacy levels had slipped. Funding was awarded to the school to enable them to purchase books for children to access at home and at school.

### **The Autism Apprentice (22-SW-3) Multi District Award**

#### **IT Equipment**

**£500 (£2,297.67)**

The Autism Apprentice provides virtual peer support groups to families and carers. Member Grant funding secured the provision of IT equipment to enable these sessions to continue.

### **Cruse Bereavement Support (East Kent with Swale Branch) (22-SW-12)**

#### **Bereavement by Suicide and Suicidal Clients Training**

**£1170**

Funding was awarded to the organisation to enable them to deliver three bereaved by suicide training courses. Highly trained bereavement volunteers provide one-to-one, telephone and group support to

bereaved adults and specialist one-to-one support to children and young people in the Swale area.

**Sittingbourne FC (22-SW-19)**

**Youth Academy With Schools**

**£1000 (Sharing with Mike Dendor - £1000)**

The project provided a player and a coach to enable free training sessions to take place in schools across the area that would also include free talks and match tickets. Member Grant funding assisted with the costs of providing the sessions, including funding towards the purchase of new equipment.

**Swale Gloves Amateur Boxing Club (22-SW-22)**

**New equipment**

**£1000 (Sharing with Mike Dendor - £2000)**

The organisation secured funding to assist in setting up a new session for children aged 5-8 years old. Member Grant funding contributed to the cost of new equipment, such as boxing gloves, skipping ropes and punch bags.

**Dads Unlimited (22-SW-25) Multi District Award**

**Promotional Materials**

**£200 (£3,050 Total)**

Dads Unlimited is a charity supporting male victims of domestic abuse, males at risk of harm or with poor mental health. They support separated fathers, males experiencing family breakdown or males unable to gain meaningful contact with their children. The grant was used to contribute to production costs for promotional materials to raise awareness of their services and to help reach more people in need.

**21 Together (22-SW-38)**

**Bredgar Train Event Fun Day**

**£670 (Sharing with Rich Lehmann - £350 and Mike Baldock - £666)**

The project staged a fun day for those connected to the Down's syndrome community, including family, friends, professionals and carers. The day included train and tractor rides, inflatables and soft play areas and live music. The funding helped with the provision of entertainment for the day.

**Sittingbourne Christmas Lights and Sleigh Rounds (22-SW-29)**

**Installation of Christmas Lights and Switch On Day in High Street**

**£500 (Sharing with Mike Baldock - £500)**

Sittingbourne Christmas Lights and Sleigh Rounds runs the Christmas lights in Sittingbourne's High Street, and also runs the Father Christmas sleigh rounds that visit residential areas in Sittingbourne and nearby towns to entertain children in the evenings leading up to Christmas. The funding contributed to the cost of the Christmas lights.

**Minterne Community Junior School (22-SW-32)**

**The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain Barney & Echo, Mindfulness Project**

**£624**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

**Tunstall CofE Primary School (22-SW-33)**

**The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain Barney & Echo, Mindfulness Project**

**£390**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

**St Peter's RC Primary School (22-SW-34)**

**The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain Barney & Echo, Mindfulness Project**

**£416**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

**Friends of Tunstall Church (22-SW-39)**

**Tunstall Community Coronation Fun Day**

**£306 (Sharing with Rich Lehmann - £300)**

A Community Fun Day to mark the Coronation was organised by the Friends of Tunstall Church. The event provided an opportunity for members of the community of all ages to get together and have fun. It also provided access to information from several volunteer groups who offer help and support. Funding was awarded to support entertainment costs.

**Sittingbourne Carnival Association (22-SW-40)**

**Miss Sittingbourne Carnival Court 2023**

**£750**

The Carnival Court provides young people with the opportunity to participate in carnivals, community programmes, and public events. Funding was provided towards the cost of restoring the Carnival float.



## HIGHWAY MEMBER GRANTS

Mike Baldock

### **Kent Highways (22-KHS-SW-10)**

**Provision of Salt bin and subsequent refills on Balas Drive, Sittingbourne**

**£500**

The grant was used to provide a salt bin, and subsequent refills, at Balas Drive to improve junction safety in the winter weather.

Mike Dendor

### **Swale Borough Council (22-LBH-SW-16)**

**Double Yellow Lines**

**£1100**

The grant covered the cost of new Double Yellow Lines to improve highway safety by preventing sightline obstructions on two corners. Vehicles were parking around these corners blocking sightlines and impeding the safe route of vehicles.

Antony Hook

### **Swale Borough Council (22-LBH-SW-31)**

**Inclusion of new Double Yellow Lines**

**£1006**

New double yellow lines were required to improve highway safety by creating a "passing place" between parked vehicles on the corner in Bramley Avenue, Faversham.

Rich Lehmann

### **Kent Highways (22-KHS-SW-30)**

**Investigate and repair streetlight**

**£294.42**

The grant was used to investigate and repair a faulty streetlight outside Selling Primary School, which had not been working for some time. Repairing the light improves visibility directly outside the school entrance.

### **Kent Highways (22-KHS-SW-36)**

**Canterbury Road, Dunkirk 40mph speed limit reduction joint with Dunkirk PC**

**£1200**

Traffic surveys were carried out in September 2022 to ascertain existing mean speeds. Following the results of the survey, it was agreed to proceed with a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to reduce the existing speed limit to 40mph.

John Wright

**Swale Borough Council (22-LBH-SW-14)**

**Inclusion of new Double Yellow Lines**

**£1100**

The grant covered the costs of new double yellow lines to improve highway safety by preventing parking on the junction of Hill Brow and Windsor Drive in Sittingbourne.

## Thanet – Member Grant Funding Breakdown of Spend

In total 57 grants were awarded for the 2022/23 period by Thanet Members. Of which:

- 17 grants were awarded to charities
- 3 grants were awarded to church/faith groups
- 5 grants were awarded to community organisations
- 17 grants were awarded to not-for-profit organisations
- 3 grants were awarded to District, Parish or Town Councils
- 8 grants were awarded to schools
- 3 grants were awarded to sports organisations
- 1 grant was awarded to Kent Highways

With the exclusion of Kent Highways, 25 Grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years, with the remaining 31 organisations new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Thanet Member's Annual Member Grant Spend and roll forward figure for 2023/24 period:

- **Rosalind Binks - Broadstairs**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £7,419 with a £10,408 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Karen Constantine – Ramsgate (2 Member Division)**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £9,260.17 with a £5,317.14 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Derek Crow-Brown – Birchington & Rural (2 Member Division)**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £9,443.94 with a £4,439.06 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Lesley Game - Cliftonville**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £7,120 with a £10,993 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Barry Lewis - Margate**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £10,648.24 with a £233.76 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Trevor Shonk – Ramsgate (2 Member Division)**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £6,453 with a £6,797 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Linda Wright – Birchington & Rural (2 Member Division)**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £3,250 with a £9,250 roll forward figure for 2023/24*

Total Thanet Member Spend for 2022/23 - £53,594.35

- £9,150.46 for community development projects
- £19,345 for culture and heritage initiatives
- £300 for early years projects
- £300.28 for family support services
- £6,019 for open spaces projects
- £4,324 for primary school projects
- £1,760.44 for public health initiatives
- £1,270 for secondary school projects
- £7,900 for sport and recreation projects
- £3,225.17 for street lighting projects

## **COMMUNITY MEMBER GRANTS**

Rosalind Binks

### **Inspiration Creative CIC (22-TH-8)**

#### **Pilot Project – Musical Communication Sessions for Young Children with Additional Needs**

**£1500**

Member Grant funding assisted with the pilot of a project to provide an interactive music session, designed to develop communication in children who have learning disabilities, speech and language difficulties and/or are deaf. The sessions will run for 12 months during term times, last an hour and be aimed at pre-school age children to help their development before they start school.

### **Broadstairs Folk Week (22-TH-12)**

#### **Radio and Seating Hire**

**£1500**

Folk Week is primarily for the residents of Broadstairs and Thanet but also brings in many visitors from further afield. It is a community festival with volunteers which presents on average 15 concerts, 35 acoustic sessions, 13 ceilidhs and dances, 21 free family shows, a Craft and Music Fair, dance displays, a festival parade and over 150 free music sessions in venues around Broadstairs. This grant funded radio and seating hire for the festival.

### **The Sarah Thorne Theatre CIC (22-TH-27)**

#### **Upgrading and Repairing of Stage Equipment**

**£2000**

The theatre offers a year-round selection of both professional and community-based productions and helps to raise funds for local charities with special performances. These productions need the stage equipment to be up to date and safe, and grant funding was provided to replace one of the older dimmer racks and the sound mixer.

### **Broadstairs Folk Week (22-TH-37)**

#### **Hire of PA Sound, Sound Engineers & Lighting**

**£2000**

Folk Week is primarily for the residents of Broadstairs and Thanet but also brings in many visitors from further afield. It is a community festival with volunteers which presents on average 15 concerts, 35 acoustic sessions, 13 ceilidhs and dances, 21 free family shows, a Craft and Music Fair, dance displays, a festival parade and over 150 free music sessions in venues around Broadstairs. The grant funded the hire of the PA, engineers and lighting.

### **St Peter's Village Tour (22-TH-58)**

#### **Village Sign Refurbishment**

**£419**

The village sign was almost one hundred years old and in a poor condition. To mark its centenary, a skilled restoration specialist offered their time, free of charge, to refurbish the sign. A local scaffolding firm also offered to supply the necessary scaffolding free of charge. The grant contributed to the costs of specialist paint, gold leaf and other materials to help restore the sign.

**Ramsgate Festival of Sound CIC (22-TH-19)**

**Ramsgate Festival of Sound – Don't Rain on My Parade**

**£2500**

This nine-day festival showcases locally based community facing arts and culture organisations, schools and colleges to promote a diverse and stimulating range of activities. 'Don't Rain on My Parade' is a community music event hosted by Stage Door Theatre Academy, bringing the West End to Ramsgate and the grant provided artist fees as well as production, sound and light costs.

**Newlands Primary School (22-TH-40)**

**The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain Barney & Echo, Mindfulness Project**

**£585**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

**Newington Community Primary School (22-TH-41)**

**The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain Barney & Echo, Mindfulness Project**

**£650**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

**Looping the Loop (22-TH-47)**

**A Community Play – Sanger's Circus**

**£500 (Sharing with Barry Lewis - £500)**

The project is a two-year scheme where workshops, run by experienced artists, would explore the panorama of Sanger, who brought parades of elephants to the seafront and built a 2000 seat Matcham-designed theatre. This grant assisted with the professional artists fees for running the scheme.

**St George's Church, Ramsgate (22-TH-55)**

**St George's Church Hall Kitchen Refurbishment**

**£1000**

Member Grant funding supported a project to refurbish and upgrade the kitchen facilities used by St George's Community Meals, which allows those who struggle with isolation to enjoy a cooked meal and conversation once a week. The hall also hosts 'Our Kitchen' social supermarket, which offers help around housing, debt and addiction as well as distributing items of clothing and bedding.

**Great British Carnival (22-TH-59)**

**Samba Ya Wantsum Community Drumming Workshops**

**£800**

Member grant funding supported the delivery of five community drumming workshops along with community outreach and engagement. The workshops were free to attend and inclusive of all abilities, backgrounds and circumstances. This grant assisted with the costs of repairs and purchasing musical equipment.



**Thanet Countryside Trust (22-TH-6)**

**Emergency Roofing Work at Monkton Nature Reserve  
£500**

The flat roof covering the café had developed a serious leak that required urgent attention. The grant assisted with the costs of replacing the roof and making it waterproof before the school holidays, when a full programme of activities had been planned.

**The Margate School (22-TH-9)**

**Margate Festival of Design**

**£500 (Sharing with Barry Lewis - £750 & Lesley Game - £750)**

The Margate Festival of Design explored social and environmental matters through the language of design with a lively programme of talks, walks and workshops, held over two weekends with exhibitions and displays open in between. The grant contributed to the costs of workshops, as well as marketing and exhibition materials.

**St Nicholas at Wade PTFA (22-TH-13)**

**Nurture Room**

**£348**

The Nurture room is used by pupils throughout their time at school to support their mental health and wellbeing. Furniture and equipment were needed for the room, which had seen an increased use following the pandemic. The grant purchased items including storage and shelving, a blackout tent and sensory equipment.

**The Margate School (22-TH-16)**

**Margate High Street Community Garden**

**£300 (Sharing with Barry Lewis - £500)**

The project cleared a piece of derelict land at the back of the school to create a community garden to benefit the school community, the neighbourhood, local schools and community groups. It created a place for contemplation and to experience nature in an urban environment. The grant helped with the costs of a shelter for up to 18 bikes.

**Kent Farmers Market Association (22-TH-17) Multi-District Award**

**'Eat Kent'**

**£300 (Total £3950)**

The 'Eat Kent' project is an initiative to promote and support the county's local food chain. The project provides information on the benefits of local produce, when it is available, where it is grown/bred with links to recipes, as well as nutrition/allergy information in both digital and hard copy. Grant funding contributed towards print costs for promotional material.

**Minster Parish Council (22-TH-18)**

**Minster 2 x Defibrillator Equipment and Cabinets**

**£1200**

Member Grant funding assisted with the costs of purchasing two defibrillators and external cabinets in Minster. The existing two defibrillator units were ten years old, discontinued and one cabinet had been broken so replacements were needed.

**Margate Cricket Club (22-TH-20)****Purchase of New Sightscreens****£500 (Sharing with Barry Lewis - £500)**

Member Grant funding was awarded to the club to help improve facilities, which included the purchase of new sightscreens. The new sightscreens also assist with plans for general development in the future, which includes starting an Under 11 team and being considered for the ECB All Stars and Dynamos programme.

**Scripture Union Holiday Club (22-TH-22)****Scripture Union Minnis Bay Holiday Club****£300 (Sharing with Linda Wright - £500)**

The holiday club provided activities for children, young people and their parents and carers. All the activities were free, open to all and age appropriate. Activities for vulnerable children and those with additional needs were also provided. The grant assisted with providing craft, stationary equipment and resources.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Garlinge Scout Group (22-TH-24)****Gardening Equipment****£150 (Sharing with Linda Wright - £150)**

Garlinge Phoenix Project is a community based sensory garden project situated within the Brooke Avenue allotment. It has given the Scouts a space to grow their own produce and to share their efforts with the local community. Member Grant funding assisted with the costs of garden equipment.

**Minster Church of England Primary School (22-TH-31)****The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain Barney & Echo, Mindfulness Project****£ 780**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

**Books Beyond Words (22-TH-32)****Deaf Friends Book Club****£500 (Sharing with Linda Wright - £500)**

The Deaf Friends Book Club was established in 2021 and has grown considerably. A portable projector and screen was needed to allow the pages of the books to be projected onto a screen to help members when they are using their hands to sign. Member Grant funding was awarded to assist with the purchasing of these items.

**St Saviour's C of E Junior School (22-TH-33)****The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain Barney & Echo, Caught in the Web****£617.50**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

**Garlinge Primary School and Nursery (22-TH-34)**

**The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain Barney & Echo, Caught in the Web**

**£338**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

**Minster Parish Council (22-TH-36)**

**Rubber Mulch Safety Surfacing for Minster Play Area**

**£1000 (Sharing with Linda Wright - £1000)**

Minster play area is the only play area in the village and is used daily by many children. The two climbing frames needed the surfacing around the base replacing to ensure the safety of users. The grant contributed to the cost of supplying and installing the rubber mulch.

**Acol Village Hall Committee (22-TH-42)**

**Food Hub**

**£150 (Sharing with Linda Wright - £150)**

The Food Hub supports residents in the village, particularly the elderly, with the provision of hot food and a warm facility. To help the hub continue throughout the winter months, the grant assisted with the provision of food items.

**Oasis Domestic Abuse Service (22-TH-44) Multi-District Award**

**Security Packs**

**£560.44 (£1,120.88 Total)**

Oasis supports families affected by domestic abuse in Kent and Medway through a comprehensive range of services. The grant supported a project to provide security packs to high-risk victims living in Thanet and Dover. The packs, consisting of dash cams, CCTV units and Ring doorbells for home security, are loaned to clients following risk assessments and returned when the client is made safe, which can take several months.

**Storehouse Food Bank (22-TH-49)**

**Providing Food & Care**

**£150 (Sharing with Linda Wright - £150)**

Due to increasing food and energy bills, funding was sought to help with the costs of food, toiletries and household care items required for residents. The food bank provides a safe, warm place for residents to collect these items but also to talk about their issues and to help them to get in touch with organisations that might be able to help.

**Birchington Together CIC (22-TH-50)**

**Birchington Literary Festival**

**£1000**

The Member Grant funded the hire of a marquee for Birchington's Literary Festival, which was a free event for the community. The festival offered young people the opportunity to join writing and drawing workshops; in addition to mentoring workshops for older students.

**The Rotary Club of Margate (22-TH-56)**

**Thanet Young Artists Festival**

**£250 (Sharing with Lesley Game - £250)**

The Rotary Club had been running the Young Artists Festival for the last 12 years, to which 47 schools contribute over 800 artworks. The Club has been providing the materials and prizes for the festival but

needed support to meet the increased costs for materials, which the grant provided.

### Lesley Game

#### **GRASS Cliftonville CIC (22-TH-1)**

##### **Bandstand Community Concerts**

**£1500**

The project hosted a season of free music concerts at the Cliftonville Oval bandstand during the summer of 2022. The events allowed the community to meet and take part in an inclusive free activity which helped to increase their sense of wellbeing. The grant was used to help with the costs of entertainment, security and marketing.

#### **Northdown Community Project CIC (22-TH-2)**

##### **Platinum Jubilee Event**

**£350**

The project organised a Picnic and Fun afternoon to bring the community together to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. The event was held on the green space adjacent to the central Palm Bay Estate in Cliftonville and the grant contributed to the costs of entertainment and activities as well as marketing and refreshments.

#### **Phoenix Community Events CIC (22-TH-3)**

##### **Shakespeare on the Beach**

**£500**

Shakespeare on the Beach is an annual event in Margate and has become a significant cultural event, with both paid seating on the beach and free viewing from the promenade. Member Grant funding helped cover the costs of the event.

#### **The Margate School (22-TH-9)**

##### **Margate Festival of Design**

**£750 (Sharing with Barry Lewis - £750 & Derek Crow-Brown - £500)**

The Margate Festival of Design explored social and environmental matters through the language of design with a lively programme of talks, walks and workshops, held over two weekends with exhibitions and displays open in between. The grant contributed to the costs of workshops, as well as marketing and exhibition materials.

#### **Hartsdown Academy (22-TH-15)**

##### **Summer Show – Oliver**

**£1270**

This community project provided outreach for local primary schools, in the form of a matinee performance, workshops and participation in the show. The project provided Hartsdown Academy students with evidence for their BTEC Performing Arts course, and the grant assisted with the costs of coach hire for travel to and from the venue, as well as hall hire and promotional material.

#### **Cliftonville Cultural Space (22-TH-21)**

##### **Lighting Up Cliftonville**

**£500 (Sharing with Barry Lewis - £500)**

The project raised the profile of Cliftonville Cultural Space by hosting a 10-day light show. The project aimed to engage with all members of Cliftonville's diverse community and provide a platform for local businesses to support their local community. The grant helped with the costs of the light show.

### **Kitchen Social & Cookery Club (22-TH-43)**

#### **Surplus to Supper Club**

**£2000**

This project aimed to give residents on low incomes access to healthy food and tackle health inequalities in the area. This social Food Club, which collects, quality checks, repacks and re-distributes food waste from local retailers and producers, removes the stigma of asking for support. The grant assisted with the costs of food and household cleaning items.

### **The Rotary Club of Margate (22-TH-56)**

#### **Thanet Young Artists Festival**

**£250 (Sharing with Derek Crow-Brown - £250)**

The Rotary Club had been running the Young Artists Festival for the last 12 years, to which 47 schools contribute over 800 artworks. The Club has been providing the materials and prizes for the festival but needed support to meet the increased costs for materials, which the grant provided.

Barry Lewis

### **The Margate Caves Community Education Trust (22-TH-7)**

#### **“Chalk Up”**

**£500**

As part of the Queen’s Jubilee, the Chalk Up project celebrated achievements big and small over the previous 70 years. This grant funded three workshops over the Jubilee weekend, enabling participants of all ages and abilities to learn new art techniques and create Chalk Up themed items in fun and creative ways.

### **The Margate School (22-TH-9)**

#### **Margate Festival of Design**

**£750 (Sharing with Derek Crow-Brown - £500 & Lesley Game - £750)**

The Margate Festival of Design explored social and environmental matters through the language of design with a lively programme of talks, walks and workshops, held over two weekends with exhibitions and displays open in between. The grant contributed to the costs of workshops, as well as marketing and exhibition materials.

### **Margate Carnival Group (22-TH-10)**

#### **Margate Community Carnival Project**

**£1500**

Margate Carnival is one of the largest, oldest and most popular in Kent, attracting over 1500 participants, working with local businesses and voluntary groups. The funding supported two carnival workshops including one for those with complex needs.

### **Phoenix Community Events CIC (22-TH-11)**

#### **The Three Musketeers for kids – in Margate**

**£500**

The project hosted a show specifically for children on Margate Main Sands to complement the Shakespeare production of Othello for adults. The show featured Morgan and West, who have visited the Theatre Royal in Margate many times and have built up a loyal following. The grant contribute to the costs of performer fees for the event.

### **Millmead Children's Centre Partnership Limited (22-TH-14)**

#### **Summer Play Activities**

**£300**

The summer programme provides an environment rich in equipment to be shared with parents, carers and other families. Member Grant funding helped with the costs of new equipment.

### **The Margate School (22-TH-16)**

#### **Margate High Street Community Garden**

**£500 (Sharing with Derek Crow-Brown - £300)**

The project cleared a piece of derelict land at the back of the school to create a community garden to benefit the school community, the neighbourhood, local schools and community groups. It created a place for contemplation and to experience nature in an urban environment. The grant helped with the costs of a shelter for up to 18 bikes.

### **Margate Cricket Club (22-TH-20)**

#### **Purchase of New Sightscreens**

**£500 (Sharing with Derek Crow-Brown - £500)**

Member Grant funding was awarded to the club to help improve facilities, which included the purchase of new sightscreens. The new sightscreens also assist with plans for general development in the future, which includes starting an Under 11 team and being considered for the ECB All Stars and Dynamos programme.

### **Cliftonville Cultural Space (22-TH-21)**

#### **Lighting Up Cliftonville**

**£500 (Sharing with Lesley Game - £500)**

The project raised the profile of Cliftonville Cultural Space by hosting a 10-day light show. The project aimed to engage with all members of Cliftonville's diverse community and provide a platform for local businesses to support their local community. The grant helped with the costs of the light show.

### **Millmead Children's Centre Partnership Limited (MCCPL) (22-TH-29)**

#### **Family Comfort Room Pilot**

**£300.28**

Member Grant funding supported a project to set up a comfort room where emergency support, warmth and food is provided to families with children aged 0-5 that were at risk from cold and hunger. The grant helped to purchase food, blankets, nappies and curtains for the room.

### **Silvers Social CIC (22-TH-30)**

#### **Margate Christmas Lights**

**£500**

Member Grant funding supported the provision of Christmas Lights and a 'Switch On' Event in Margate. The switch on was followed by Christmas Carols, minced pies and mulled wine. The funding supported the purchase of a Christmas Tree.

### **Pink Suits CIC (22-TH-39)**

#### **Queer Country**

**£1000**

Queer Country is a community event with a focus on local LGBTQIA+ people but open to everyone. It's a place that people can come and meet, socialise, hear live music, see performances by local artists and play interactive games. Funding was put towards the costs of venue hire for the event.

**Cliftonville Community Centre (22-TH-46)****A Warm Winter Hub****£792.46**

Member Grant funding assisted with a project to run a warm winter hub. The hub is open four days per week and offers services such as showers and laundry, breakfasts and the use of digital equipment in a warm and secure environment. The grant supported the provision of food for the project for six months.

**Looping the Loop (22-TH-47)****A Community Play – Sanger's Circus****£500 (Sharing with Karen Constantine - £500)**

The project is a two-year scheme where workshops, run by experienced artists, would explore the panorama of Sanger, who brought parades of elephants to the seafront and built a 2000 seat Matcham-designed theatre. This grant assisted with the professional artists fees for running the scheme.

**The Chemotherapy Cancer Project (22-TH-52)****East Kent Cancer Café Drop-In Centre****£500**

The drop-in centre is open to all cancer sufferers and their families and funding helped provide refreshments, games and reading materials for the café.

**Northdown Primary School (22-TH-53)****Northdown Community Allotment****£700**

The school already had a community food bank and wished to start an allotment to allow the children and families access to a broader range of fresh produce. Funding was sought to establish the project by providing tools, compost and raised beds.

**Drapers Mill Primary School and Nursery (22-TH-54)****The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain Barney & Echo, Mindfulness Project****£ 305.50**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

**Margate Radio CIC (22-TH-57)****Live Studio Launch Event****£500**

Margate Radio is a not-for-profit radio station and exists for the direct benefit of the Margate and Thanet community. After two years of creating shows remotely, the station set up a public facing, physical studio space and sought funding to help with the costs of a launch event. The grant helped with the costs of promotional t-shirts and postcards.

**POW Thanet (22-TH-60)****Joy & Celebration Festival 2023****£500**

POW Thanet holds an annual multi-arts festival celebrating International Women's Day. The 2023 festival was themed around "joy and celebration". Funding was sought for an engagement quilting project for local community groups.

**Newington Community Association (22-TH-4)**

**People's History of Newington**

**£495**

The project hosted a large celebration event, bringing 75 people together in person to share a meal, rekindle friendships and explore how to set up ongoing systems of support. The grant was used for venue hire, food, tableware and fliers.

**Thanet Thunderers Boccia Club (22-TH-5)**

**Kent Boccia Pairs Tournament**

**£1000**

Member Grant funding was sought to set up a Boccia Tournament. This is a paralympic sport with similar rules to bowls or French pétanque and played by disabled people sitting in chairs, wheelchairs or on scooters. The grant was awarded to cover the costs of venue hire, medals, trophies and refreshments.

**East Kent Mencap (22-TH-25)**

**Adjustable Tables for Wheelchair Users**

**£958**

East Kent Mencap supports people with complex needs including a bespoke day resource for people over 16 and a youth club for young people up to 18 years of age. Member Grant funding was awarded to replace the existing non-adjustable tables with two fully adjustable tables to improve workspaces for people in wheelchairs and those who have adapted walking aids.

**Cliffsend Village Hall Foundation (22-TH-28)**

**Replacement kitchen**

**£1000**

The Hall is the only asset in the village supporting several activities for a wide range of people and age groups. Work had already been undertaken to get the hall up to a safe standard, but it needed a modern kitchen to help attract more hirers to help secure its future. The grant contributed to the costs of supplying the replacement kitchen.

**Ramsgate Bowling Club (22-TH-38)**

**New Build Community Project Funding – Electrical Work for Extension**

**£1000**

The Club requested funding to restore and extend its clubhouse to enable it to be used all year round for bowls, social events and other community activities. Funding was used to fit a smoke alarm and heat detectors to make the building safer to use.

**Ramsgate Active Education Foundation (part of Ramsgate FC) (22-TH-48)**

**Christmas Winter Wonderland**

**£1000**

The Foundation run holiday activities and food programmes to support children in receipt of free school meals through holiday periods. The funding for the course at Christmas only covered children on free school meals but there were around 20 children who lived in the same households as those who regularly attend but for various reasons did not qualify for the programme. The grant contributed to the cost of the hire of an ice rink for the Christmas Winter Wonderland.



### **6<sup>th</sup> Ramsgate Royal Harbour Sea Scouts Group (22-TH-51)**

#### **Ice House Renovation**

**£1000**

Member Grant funding was sought to help with a project to renovate the Ice House in Ramsgate's Royal Harbour to create a community centre able to offer opportunities for the Scout Group and wider community. This funding was used for the boat yard security fencing and gate to protect the fire escape.

Linda Wright

### **Scripture Union Holiday Club (22-TH-22)**

#### **Scripture Union Minnis Bay Holiday Club**

**£500 (Sharing with Derek Crow-Brown - £300)**

The holiday club provided activities for children, young people and their parents and carers. All the activities were free, open to all and age appropriate. Activities for vulnerable children and those with additional needs were also provided. The grant assisted with providing craft, stationary equipment and resources.

### **Minster Parish Council (22-TH-23)**

#### **Football pitch expansion**

**£300**

Minster FC 1st Team had been promoted in the last 4 consecutive seasons taking them to the Kent County League Premier Division for the 2022-23 season. The Premier Division has a higher expectation of facilities; league officers, after inspecting the ground, required the pitch to be 6m wider. To achieve the pitch widening, the in-ground water tap needed to be relocated, and the grant contributed to the costs of its relocation.

### **2nd Garlinge Scouts (22-TH-24)**

#### **Gardening Equipment**

**£150 (Sharing with Derek Crow-Brown - £150)**

Garlinge Phoenix Project is a community based sensory garden project situated within the Brooke Avenue allotment. It has given the Scouts a space to grow their own produce and to share their efforts with the local community. Member Grant funding assisted with the costs of garden equipment.

### **Birchington Man Shed (22-TH-26)**

#### **Wood Working Application**

**£500**

The Birchington Man Shed was formed in 2021 to provide a safe and secure space for men to gather and to combat loneliness and isolation. The shed is primarily woodwork based and new tools were needed to meet increased demand. The grant helped with the purchase of a new lathe for the shed.

### **Books beyond words (22-TH-32)**

#### **Deaf Friends Book Club**

**£500 (Sharing with Derek Crow-Brown - £500)**

The Deaf Friends Book Club was established in 2021 and has grown considerably. A portable projector and screen was needed to allow the pages of the books to be projected onto a screen to help members when they are using their hands to sign. Member Grant funding was awarded to assist with the purchasing of these items.

### **Minster Parish Council (22-TH-36)**

#### **Rubber Mulch Safety**

**£1000 (Sharing with Derek Crow-Brown - £1000)**

Minster play area is the only play area in the village and is used daily by many children. The two climbing frames needed the surfacing around the base replacing to ensure the safety of users. The grant contributed to the cost of supplying and installing the rubber mulch.

### **Acol Village Hall Committee (22-TH-42)**

#### **Food Hub**

**£150 (Sharing with Derek Crow-Brown - £150)**

The Food Hub supports residents in the village, particularly the elderly, with the provision of hot food and a warm facility. To help the hub continue throughout the winter months, the grant assisted with the provision of food items.

### **Storehouse Food Bank (22-TH-49)**

#### **Providing Food and Care**

**£150 (Sharing with Derek Crow-Brown - £150)**

Due to increasing food and energy bills, funding was sought to help with the costs of food, toiletries and household care items required for residents. The food bank provides a safe, warm place for residents to collect these items but also to talk about their issues and to help them to get in touch with organisations that might be able to help.

## **HIGHWAY MEMBER GRANTS**

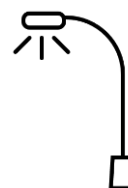
### Karen Constantine

#### **Kent Highways (22-KHS-TH-45)**

#### **Heritage Style Street Lighting, Paradise, Ramsgate**

**£3225.17**

The installation of heritage lighting was grant funded to help reduce traffic speed by creating a calmer environment. Three lights in total were upgraded from standard luminaires to heritage luminaires, one of which required a new column.



## Tonbridge & Malling – Member Grant Funding Breakdown of Spend

In total 50 grants were awarded for the 2022/23 period by Tonbridge & Malling Members. Of which:

- 11 grants were awarded to charities
- 1 grant was awarded to a church/faith groups
- 7 grants were awarded to community organisations
- 1 grant was awarded to KCC services
- 15 grants were awarded to District, Parish or Town Councils
- 6 grants were awarded to schools
- 2 grants were awarded to a sports organisation
- 7 grants were awarded to Kent Highways

With the exclusion of Kent Highways, 20 Grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years, with the remaining 23 organisations new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Tonbridge & Malling Member's Annual Member Grant Spend and roll forward figure for 2023/24 period:

- **Trudy Dean, MBE – Malling Central**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £4,100 with a £10,900 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Sarah Hohler – Malling North**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £4,538.62 with a £13,711.38 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Mark Hood – Tonbridge (2 Member Division)**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £10,762.23 with a £8,237.77 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Sarah Hudson – Malling Rural East**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £8,700.44 with a £1,549.56 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Andrew Kennedy – Malling North East**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £9,626.33 with a £2,923.67 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Harry Rayner – Malling West**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £7,955 with a £10,545 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Paul Stepto – Tonbridge (2 Member Division)**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £7,349.35 with a £10,103.65 roll forward figure for 2023/24*

Total Tonbridge & Malling Member Spend for 2022/23 - £53,031.97

- £1,000 for adult social care initiatives
- £1,250 for business support services
- £6,412.50 for community development projects
- £8,880 for culture and heritage initiatives
- £4,145.12 for open spaces projects
- £3,736 for primary school projects
- £2,855 for public health initiatives
- £10,854.35 for sport and recreation projects
- £4,575.46 for streetlighting projects
- £9,323.54 for traffic management and road safety projects

## COMMUNITY MEMBER GRANTS

Trudy Dean, MBE

### **East Malling Institute (22-TM-10)**

#### **Bouncing back from Covid**

**£1000**

The East Malling Institute Hall is a charitable hall offering space for hire for local clubs and groups as well as for individuals. The stage in the Main Hall had a space underneath that was inaccessible and wasted space. The project created a storage area under the stage. The grant was used for the construction, including materials, of the under-stage store.

### **Communigrow (22-TM-16)**

#### **Wildlife Pond**

**£1600**

Communigrow is a food education charity providing education, well-being and skills sessions. The project created a wildlife pond in the garden to bring in more wildlife and the grant contributed to the cost of materials, plants, fencing and digger hire for the project.

### **The East Malling Centre (22-TM-30)**

#### **CAB Outreach Pilot**

**£1000**

Member Grant funding was sought for a project to open a Citizens Advice Outreach at East Malling Centre, building on the successful community supermarket and food bank, Silver Lunch Clubs, Memory Café and other community activities. The grant helped with the cost of providing a CAB adviser.

### **Malling & District Repair Cafe (22-TM-39)**

#### **Initial Start Up Costs**

**£500**

The project started a local repair café where volunteer repair experts are available to help make repairs to items brought in by the community free of charge. The grant contributed to the initial start-up costs for the café, including purchasing a PAT tester machine, hall hire costs, advertising costs and safety equipment.

Sarah Hohler

### **Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council (22-TM-20)**

#### **Snodland Pump Track**

**£1500**

A need was identified for organised and casual bike activities in the area to help deter anti-social behaviour, and Snodland Bike Club was formed to help address this need. The club hoped to create a pump track that would allow young people to meet with friends and ride unsupervised in a safe, traffic free environment. The grant was put towards the costs of base materials for the track.

### **St Katherine's School (22-TM-22)**

#### **The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain Barney & Echo, Caught in the Web**

**£552.50**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent

online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

**Snodland C of E Primary School (22-TM-23)**

**The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain Barney & Echo, Caught in the Web  
£780**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

**Snodland Town Council (22-TM-33)**

**Snodland Goes Cleaner  
£1206.12**

The footfall at the local sportsground had increased significantly, which had led to an increase in litter. Lots of people had volunteered to litter pick and new bins and additional litter picking equipment was required to assist them. The grant was put towards purchasing litter picking hoops and two large aperture litter bins.

**Leybourne Parish Council (22-TM-52)**

**King's Coronation Event  
£500**

The project staged a community event to mark the Coronation, where local people were invited to celebrate together. The event included entertainment, stalls from local businesses and clubs, games and activities and a family quiz. Funding was put towards the costs of entertainers.

Mark Hood

**Citizens Advice in North & West Kent (22-TM-4) Multi District Award**

**Portable IT Packages.  
£1000 (£4,520 Total)**

There had been a recent drive to make better use of technology and make advice services more efficient to be able to help more people, including training volunteer advisers remotely. The grant was used to purchase equipment packages consisting of laptops, headsets and phones for new volunteer advisers.

**Tonbridge Youth Hub (22-TM-6)**

**Welcome to Barden  
£1250 (Sharing with Paul Stepto - £1250)**

The project engaged young people in their community through a creative process where they worked collaboratively with a professional artist to design and produce a piece of public art that would feature on the wall of a parade of shop units and flats. The grant was used for paint, materials and five days of painting, design and consultation.

**Domestic Abuse Volunteer Support Services (22-TM-11)**

**Training new volunteer domestic abuse advisers  
£1000**

COVID had a serious effect on the incidence of domestic abuse and the number of referrals to the service had significantly increased. More advisers were needed to meet the increased demand and the grant helped with the costs of recruiting and training up ten new volunteer Domestic Abuse Advisors.

**Tonbridge Calling (22-TM-15)****Tonbridge Calling Community Festival 2022****£500 (Sharing with Paul Stepto - £500)**

Tonbridge Calling is a free, family friendly, community music and arts festival that was launched in 2016 with the aim of bringing the community together. Funding contributed to the costs of a sound system for the event.

**Upz and Downz CIC (22-TM-29)****Upcycling Garage****£500 (Sharing with Paul Stepto - £500)**

The project started an upcycling garage with the aim of teaching skills in bicycle repairs to the service users, many of whom have learning difficulties or physical disabilities. The grant assisted with the costs of materials for the repair garage.

**Bishop Chavasse C of E Primary School (22-TM-35)****The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain Barney & Echo, Caught in the Web****£318.50**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing books and resources.

**Royal Rise Primary School (22-TM-40)****The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain Barney & Echo, Caught in the Web****£585**

This project is aimed at children transitioning to secondary school and aims to promote discussion between children, their peers, teachers, parents and the wider community, on internet safety. It includes a look at the possible dangers of using the internet, including online bullying, time spent online, gaming and social media. The grant assisted with the costs of providing participant packs for the children.

**Tonbridge Area Churches Together Executive Group (22-TM-43)****Warm Spaces****£500 (Sharing with Paul Stepto - £500)**

The ten churches in this group wanted to provide warm spaces throughout the week that any member of the public would be able to use. The grant helped with the increased costs of heating the churches.

**Tonbridge Lions Club (22-TM-45)****It's a Knockout****£1455**

The Lions hold this event for learning and physically disabled individuals and groups. All participants receive a medal and lunch is provided for participants and carers. The grant contributed to the costs of the lunch, the hall hire, medals and stationery for the event.

**Tonbridge Pride (22-TM-55)****Tonbridge Pride 2023****£1000 (Sharing with Paul Stepto - £500)**

The objective of Tonbridge Pride is to bring understanding, love, inclusion and tolerance to the town by celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community. It is a chance to show all generations that Tonbridge is a safe and inclusive town, and somewhere that celebrates its LGBTQIA+ residents and communities. The grant helped with the costs of stage hire, lighting and other equipment for the event.

**Citizens Advice in North & West Kent (22-TM-4) Multi District Award**

**Portable IT Packages.**

**£250 (£4,520 Total)**

There had been a recent drive to make better use of technology and make advice services more efficient to be able to help more people, including training volunteer advisers remotely. The grant was used to purchase equipment packages consisting of laptops, headsets and phones for new volunteer advisers.

**Kings Hill Parish Council (22-TM-14)**

**Allotments Improvements Project**

**£664**

The project utilised the space to provide an area of flexible use including a pop-up poly-dome for nurturing tender plants, fruit, modular veg and flower beds with a seating area and wildlife garden. Member Grant funding assisted with the provision of a poly dome to aid residents using the allotments with their plant growth.

**Slide Away (22-TM-17) Multi District Award**

**Website ReDesign**

**£150 (£3,850 Total)**

Slide Away offers bereavement support for children following the death of a relative or friend. A new website was needed to be the primary source of information for parents, young people and professionals. The grant contributed to the costs of a bespoke website design and build, including an online shop and secure resource area.

**Wateringbury Cricket Club (22-TM-19)**

**Replacement Practice Net**

**£662.40**

The project replaced the existing net as the existing one was unusable due to wear and tear and vandalism. The grant contributed to the costs of a new detachable net that would enable practice to continue.

**East Peckham Primary School (22-TM-36)**

**Sensory Garden**

**£1000**

The project introduced a sensory garden, assistance was needed to purchase equipment for the garden. The grant contributed to the costs of sensory equipment as well as plants and flowers.

**East Peckham Parish Council (22-TM-37)**

**Community Fridge**

**£407.50**

The community fridge is a non-means-tested form of support for the whole community which helps to prevent food waste, as supermarkets and shops donate items that are near their sell by date or have slightly damaged packaging. There was increased demand for the community fridge and more suitable storage space was required, including a replacement fridge freezer, which the grant helped to fund.

**Mereworth Parish Council (22-TM-41)****Heated defibrillator case & training****£1855**

The Parish Council had purchased a defibrillator that was located on an outside wall but required a new heated cabinet for it to work properly. Mereworth Village Hall Committee had purchased another defibrillator, which was to be moved to an outside location to make it more accessible which also required a heated cabinet. The grant contributed to the costs of purchasing and installing two heated cabinets, as well as training for up to eight people on the use of the defibrillators.

**Kings Hill Parish Council (22-TM-42)****Cosy Club Warm Space****£300**

Member Grant funding contributed to the costs of hiring a hall for a warm space pilot project to support residents during the cost-of-living crisis. The new venture improves residents' social interaction, as well as their health and well-being, by offering a venue for lunch and a warm environment, with plans to include activities in the future.

**Mereworth Parish Council (22-TM-51)****Skip for community action day****£375**

Member Grant funding contributed to the costs of hiring a skip for a Community Action Day where volunteers cleared a blocked road of brambles, vegetation and leaves. Volunteers also collected rubbish and litter from the rest of the area to make it cleaner and safer for residents and visitors.

Andrew Kennedy

**Ditton Parish Council (22-TM-3)****Community Showcase****£300**

The Community Showcase is an event for everyone in Ditton, Aylesford and the surrounding villages to see what local clubs and organisations have to offer. The grant assisted with the costs of hiring the hall for the event.

**St Peter's Church of England Primary School (22-TM-5)****Year 5/6 Residential to France****£500**

A residential trip to France had been planned but during the pandemic several activity providers went out of business and the costs for similar activities had increased. Member Grant funding was awarded to assist with transport costs and entrance to activities.

**Ditton Twinning Association (22-TM-7)****Annual Visit of Father Christmas to Ditton****£500**

For many years Ditton Twinning Association has provided a Christmas Fayre both as a fundraising project and a social event for the Community. Santa's sleigh and several Christmas Trees were inherited but were damaged during storage. The sleigh was able to be repaired but the trees and some other items needed to be replaced and the grant assisted with the costs of sleigh repairs as well as six new Christmas Trees, lights for the sleigh and some additional decorations.



**Aylesford Parish Council (22-TM-8)**

**Platinum Jubilee Mugs**

**£1780**

The project provided a commemorative mug to each of the primary school children in the parish to be a keepsake in celebration of the Platinum Jubilee. The grant assisted with costs of purchasing over 1000 mugs for the children.

**Burham Parish Council (22-TM-9)**

**Party in the Park – Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

**£700**

The project staged a community event to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. The Party in the Park was the main event and included live bands, catering and activities. Member Grant funding contributed to the costs of decorations, music and promotional material.

**Communigrow (22-TM-12)**

**Education tools & resource storage**

**£2000**

Member Grant funding was awarded to help with the costs of a watertight storage solution to store tools and resources. The improved storage has freed up space in the yurt so that it is more readily available in poor weather, which is particularly important for older or more vulnerable users.

**Ditton Minors FC (22-TM-13)**

**DMFC Men's Progression Path-Kit**

**£500**

Member Grant funding assisted with the provision of playing kits, to enable a new men's team for those turning 18 and older to stay with the club and participate in sport, stay active and healthy.

**Walderslade Baptist Church-Community Youth Group (22-TM-21)**

**Camping Trips Summer 2022**

**£330**

Member Grant funding contributed to the costs of food and equipment for two camping trips for vulnerable young people. The aim of the camping trips was to enable the young people to be free to explore their feelings and share experiences with trusted youth leaders.

**Ditton Parish Council (22-TM-32)**

**Replacement Stage Floor**

**£1400**

Member Grant funding supported the Parish Council to refurbish the community hall's stage to make it safe. The stage is regularly used by local dance groups and other groups, but it was in a very poor state of repair with holes appearing and lifting causing trip hazards.

**60+ Club (22-TM-34)**

**Christmas Lunch**

**£300**

Member Grant funding was used to assist a local community group with the costs of a Christmas Lunch for older residents, many of whom live alone and enjoy the opportunity to socialise. The lunch included a Secret Santa to ensure everyone received at least one Christmas present.

### **Ditton & Malling Active Retirement Association (DAMARA) (22-TM-38)**

#### **Christmas Party**

**£300**

More than half the members of the association live alone and have restricted social access, as they either have health issues or are unable to drive. A Christmas gathering enhances their wellbeing and celebrates the festive season. Member Grant funding was put towards the costs of hall hire, entertainment and food.

### **40F (Maidstone) Squadron ATC (22-TM-44) Multi District Award**

#### **Flight Simulator**

**£316.33 (£948.99 Total)**

The project enabled the replacement of a computer which ran the flight simulator programme. The existing computer frequently crashed, had long load times, and had unmaintainable parts which interrupted the available training time and learning experience of the Cadets.

### **West Malling Community Choir (Healing Voices) (22-TM-48)**

#### **Singing for Wellbeing**

**£300**

Singing for Wellbeing offers an opportunity for local people to socialise, have fun, share stories, and combat social isolation. Member Grant funding was used to help with the costs of venue hire and music for the group.

### **1st Ditton Scout Group (22-TM-50)**

#### **Camping Equipment**

**£400**

The group needed new camping equipment for activities, as its existing equipment was old and unserviceable. The grant supported the purchase of new equipment including a hot water urn and camping stoves.

Harry Rayner

### **Wrotham Parish Council (22-TM-25)**

#### **Funding for a Portable PA system**

**£400**

The village hosts several events during the year that engage with audiences of all ages and requires clear communication over a wide area. Member Grant funding assisted with the provision of a portable PA system, which will be used for all future village events.

### **Hildenborough Parish Council (22-TM-28)**

#### **Railway Bridge Lighting**

**£1850**

The project provided safe passage for residents and visitors to the area during dark evenings and mornings to access the railway station. Many residents previously felt unsafe as they were not able to see hazards and disabled people found it particularly difficult to negotiate. Member Grant funding supported the installation of new lights along the footpath.

### **Kent Farmers Market Association (22-TM-24) Multi District Award**

**'Eat Kent'**

**£500 (£3,950 Total)**

The 'Eat Kent' project is an initiative to promote and support the county's local food chain. The project provides information on the benefits of local produce, when it is available, where it is grown/bred with links to recipes, as well as nutrition/allergy information in both digital and hard copy. Grant funding contributed towards print costs for promotional material.

### **Plaxtol Parish Council (22-TM-49)**

**All weather cricket nets-groundworks**

**£1500**



Plaxtol has a thriving and popular cricket club, open to all ages, with a programme of regular training, practice, and competitive local fixtures. The club hoped to install all-weather cricket nets to enable practice all year round and Member Grant funding contributed to the costs of groundworks to support the installation of the all-weather net.

Paul Stepto

### **Citizens Advice in North & West Kent (22-TM-4) Multi District Award**

**Portable IT Packages**

**£500 (£4,520 Total)**

There had been a recent drive to make better use of technology and make advice services more efficient to be able to help more people, including training volunteer advisers remotely. The grant was used to purchase equipment packages consisting of laptops, headsets and phones for new volunteer advisers.

### **Tonbridge Youth Hub (22-TM-6)**

**Welcome to Barden**

**£1250 (Sharing with Mark Hood - £1250)**

The project engaged young people in their community through a creative process where they worked collaboratively with a professional artist to design and produce a piece of public art that would feature on the wall of a parade of shop units and flats. The grant was used for paint, materials and five days of painting, design and consultation.

### **Tonbridge Calling (22-TM-15)**

**Tonbridge Calling Community Festival 2022**

**£500 (Sharing with Mark Hood - £500)**

Tonbridge Calling is a free, family friendly, community music and arts festival that was launched in 2016 with the aim of bringing the community together. Funding contributed to the costs of a sound system for the event.

### **Tonbridge Sea Turtles Disability Swimming Club (22-TM-27)**

**Promotional materials to assist in organic growth and outreach**

**£485.62**

Member Grant Funding assisted with the provision of five flotation vests, a thousand flyers, a banner stand and a hundred lanyards to help the swimming club with promotion and restoring membership to pre-covid levels.

**Upz and Downz CIC (22-TM-29)****Upcycling Garage****£500 (Sharing with Mark Hood - £500)**

The project started an upcycling garage with the aim of teaching skills in bicycle repairs to the service users, many of whom have learning difficulties or physical disabilities. The grant assisted with the costs of materials for the repair garage.

**Tonbridge Area Churches Together Executive Group (22-TM-43)****Warm Spaces****£500 (Sharing with Mark Hood - £500)**

The ten churches in this group wanted to provide warm spaces throughout the week that any member of the public would be able to use. The grant helped with the increased costs of heating the churches.

**Tonbridge Pride (22-TM-55)****Tonbridge Pride 2023****£500 (Sharing with Mark Hood - £1000)**

The objective of Tonbridge Pride is to bring understanding, love, inclusion and tolerance to the town by celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community. It is a chance to show all generations that Tonbridge is a safe and inclusive town, and somewhere that celebrates its LGBTQIA+ residents and communities. The grant helped with the costs of stage hire, lighting and other equipment for the event.

**Tonbridge Repair Cafe (22-TM-31)****Repair Cafe****£460**

At a repair cafe event, residents bring items in need of repair to have them fixed by a team of volunteers with specialist skills. Member Grant funding assisted with providing promotional materials, including banners, flyers and t-shirts to promote the cafe.

## HIGHWAY MEMBER GRANTS

### Mark Hood

#### **Kent Highways (22-KHS-TM-2)**

**2x ATCs Hadlow Road, Tonbridge**

**£100 (Sharing with Paul Stepto - £100)**

Residents raised concerns about vehicles speeding on Hadlow Road, approaching the junction with The Ridgeway and requested the 30mph speed limit be extended. To ascertain actual driven speeds, automated traffic counts (ATC) surveys were carried out.

#### **Kent Highways (22-KHS-TM-46)**

**Tonbridge Speedwatch SID**

**£1191 (Sharing with Paul Stepto - £1191)**

Residents raised concerns about the speed of traffic in various locations throughout Tonbridge Town. Various local groups volunteered to form Speedwatch teams, however they needed to purchase the SID devices and camera equipment, which funding supported.

#### **Kent Highways (22-KHS-TM-54)**

**Install new streetlamp, Hilltop Tonbridge**

**£1362.73 (Sharing with Paul Stepto - £1362.73)**

Funding was provided to install a new streetlight at Hilltop in Tonbridge. This would benefit residents by improving safety on a dark section of road.

### Sarah Hudson

#### **Kent Highways (22-KHS-TM-18)**

**Bollards to be installed on the verge at Lodge Close, Watlington.**

**£2431**

To improve visibility at the junction and prevent kerb mounting and parking on the green area, funding was provided for bollards.

#### **Kent Highways (22-KHS-TM-26)**

**Bollards to be installed on Rougemont, Kings Hill.**

**£605.54**

To improve pedestrian safety at Rougemont, Kings Hill by preventing pavement parking on this wide footway area, funding was provided for bollards.

### Harry Rayner

#### **Kent Highways (22-KHS-TM-1)**

**Rings Hill, Hildenborough. Lighting design & trial**

**£205**

The project provided safe passage for residents and visitors to Rings Hill during dark evenings and mornings to access the railway station. Residents had contacted the Parish Council to request this area to be lit as they felt unsafe not being able to see hazards.

**Kent Highways (22-KHS-TM-53)**

**Wigwags at Hildenborough CEP Primary School**

**£3500**

Funding enabled the installation of wig-wags at Hildenborough CEP Primary School to increase awareness amongst drivers that the school run is in progress.

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## Tunbridge Wells – Member Grant Funding Breakdown of Spend

In total 29 grants were awarded for the 2022/23 period by Tunbridge Wells Members. Of which:

- 12 grants were awarded to charities
- 1 grant was awarded to church/faith groups
- 8 grants were awarded to community organisations
- 1 grant was awarded to not-for-profit organisations
- 4 grants were awarded to District, Parish or Town Councils
- 2 grants were awarded to sports organisations
- 1 grant was awarded to Kent Highways

With the exclusion of Kent Highways, 8 Grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years, with the remaining 20 organisations new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Tunbridge Wells Member's Annual Member Grant Spend and roll forward figure for 2023/24 period:

- **Paul Barrington-King – Tunbridge Wells East**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £6,895 with a £5,937.05 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Becki Bruneau – Tunbridge Wells South**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £1,500 with a £18,500 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Sarah Hamilton – Tunbridge Wells Rural**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £13,350 with a £5,433 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Seán Holden - Cranbrook**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £16,318 with a £2,682 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **James McInroy – Tunbridge Wells West**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £10,000 with a £10,000 roll forward figure for 2023/24*
- **Peter Oakford – Tunbridge Wells North**  
*Spend in the 2022/23 period - £3,590 with a £11,305 roll forward figure for 2023/24*

Total Tunbridge Wells Member Spend for 2022/23 - £51,653

- £500 for adult social care initiatives
- £21,150 for community development projects
- £16,268 for culture and heritage initiatives
- £6,995 for open spaces projects
- £800 on public health initiatives
- £5,200 for sport and recreation projects
- £740 for traffic management and road safety projects

## **COMMUNITY MEMBER GRANTS**

Paul Barrington-King

### **Tunbridge Wells-Wiesbaden Riding Competition (22-TW-6)**

#### **Twin Towns Riding Competition 2022**

**£300**

Member Grant funding was sought for this sports-based competition, which was open to everyone in the local community, whether participating or spectating, and included an invitation to Ukrainian refugees to boost international understanding and friendship. The grant contributed to the hiring of the equestrian centre.

### **Pembury Bowls Club (22-TW-8)**

#### **Junior Section 2022**

**£700**

Following a successful open day, membership at the club had increased by 80% and new young members had created interest from other groups, such as Brownies and local youth clubs. Junior bowls were required to enable the younger age group to participate as they are designed for smaller hands and Member Grant funding supported the purchase of these.

### **St Philip's Church (22-TW-11)**

#### **Church Larder support for vulnerable people in our community**

**£800**

St Philip's Church Larder serves a deprived community in Sherwood ward by providing food and support to families, who can receive a bag of food at a much-reduced cost. Member Grant funding assisted the food bank by contributing to the cost of Fareshare bills and supermarket top-ups.

### **Kent High Weald Partnership (22-TW-13)**

#### **Community Allotment Project**

**£695**

Volunteers at the allotment work with the local community and those struggling with poor mental health or complex needs to improve physical and psychological health by engaging with and learning about their local greenspaces, having the opportunity to meet new people and learning new skills. The grant was used to buy resources and equipment to replace worn out resources such as gloves and seats.

### **Pembury Village Hall (22-TW-16)**

#### **Acoustic Improvements**

**£1600**

The grant contributed to the cost of installing panels to eliminate the excess reverberation in both the hall and meeting room, ensuring that both speech and music could be clearly heard by all users of the building.

### **Tunbridge Wells Dementia Friendly Community (22-TW-18)**

#### **Dementia Cafe**

**£500**

Funding had already been secured for the first year of operation and the organisers were hoping to secure funding for a second year. Member Grant funding helped with the costs of hiring the hall to support the café's continued operation.



### **Pembury Parish Council (22-TW-26)**

#### **Rainwater Harvesting**

**£1000**

Member Grant funding supported this project, which aimed to significantly reduce tap water use by collecting rainwater from the ground maintenance depot in large water butts. The harvested water would be used day-to-day including watering parish council and community floral displays in the village.

### **Tunbridge Wells Sea Cadets (22-TW-31)**

#### **Roof repairs and refurb of 1950 extension**

**£1000 (sharing with Becki Bruneau - £1000, James McInroy - £1000, Peter Oakford - £1000 and Sarah Hamilton - £1000)**

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### **Pembury U3A (22-TW-27)**

#### **Keeping the village elderly active**

**£300**

Pembury U3A is part of a nationwide network whose branches provide the opportunity for those who no longer work to come together to learn, stay active and have fun. The Pembury branch has over 300 members and offers more than 60 interest groups to choose from as well as outings, theatre trips and holidays. Member Grant funding assisted with the provision of equipment for new activities for elderly residents, including netball, cricket and table tennis equipment.

#### Becki Bruneau

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### **Kent Farmers Market Association (22-TW-14) Multi District Award**

#### **'Eat Kent'**

**£500**

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**Low Weald Explorers (22-TW-4)**

**Equipment Purchase**

**£1050**

Member Grant funding assisted with the provision of new tents for the local Explorer group. Some of the existing r tents were at the end of their usable life and the new tents were required to enable the group to take part in numerous events during the year.

**Paddock Wood & District Lions Club (22-TW-5)**

**Paddock Wood Carnival - Procession & Fete**

**£500**

The Paddock Wood Carnival has been running for over thirty-five years. It is a family day, offering a range of entertainment, including the annual fair, stalls and catering. Member Grant funding assisted with the costs of staging the event, including road closures, facilities at the event, first aid and entertainers.

**Paddock Wood Lights Up Association (22-TW-10)**

**Paddock Wood Lights Up 2022**

**£2500**

This local community group organises a Christmas market with entertainment and tree light switch on event in November. It is an important local event that brings the whole community together. Member Grant funding contributed to the cost of providing the stage, lighting, PA system and security staff.

**Lamberhurst Bonfire Society (22-TW-12)**

**Bonfire Night**

**£300**

Member Grant funding assisted with the provision of portaloos and medical cover for a free bonfire night event to bring the local community together and help support local businesses in the area.

**Lamberhurst War Memorial Hall (22-TW-29)**

**Heating & Lighting Upgrade Project**

**£8000**

Member Grant funding was put towards installing an efficient LED strip lighting system which will reduce power use by 85-90% in comparison to the previous lights. The project also included installing a ceiling-mounted system of electrically powered radiant heaters, which can be powered by renewable energy.

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**Sandhurst Parish Council (22-TW-1)**  
**Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**  
**£1000**

The project staged a community event to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. The event included a procession, entertainment and activities for all ages, stalls and competitions. Member Grant funding assisted with the provision of refreshments and games for the event.

**Hawkhurst in Bloom (22-TW-3)**  
**HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee Planters**  
**£1000**

The newly formed group planned to mark the Platinum Jubilee with more planters around the area. Member Grant funding helped provide the planters, which would also support Hawkhurst Parish Council in their entry to the South & Southeast in Bloom competition.

**Cranbrook & Sissinghurst Parish Council (22-TW-7)**  
**Youth Field Shelter**  
**£1000**

During the pandemic, it became apparent the younger members of the community did not have anywhere to meet and it was hoped that providing a safe space to meet and shelter would aid their mental wellbeing and improve community cohesion. The grant was put towards the costs of the field shelter.

**Benenden Parish Council (22-TW-15)**  
**Beacon Field Wildflower Meadow**  
**£1000**

The project created a wildflower meadow, which is a valuable resource benefiting children at the nearby school, residents and the wildlife of Benenden. The grant contributed to the costs of creating the meadow, including the purchase of seeds.

**Age Concern Cranbrook (22-TW-19)**  
**Cranbrook Community Kitchen**  
**£3150**

Member Grant funding contributed to a pilot project for a warm space and food bank, supporting the Cranbrook community. There was already a coffee morning being hosted at the venue, and it was hoped to increase support to include soup and bread at lunchtime and a warm meal after school for children.

**Kilndown Village Hall (22-TW-20)**  
**Community Solar Panel PV Installation**  
**£1000**

The village wanted to have a hub in the village hall for local people during power cuts. The solar PV power will be saved to batteries and this central venue will be a welcoming meeting point for those requiring support. Hot drinks and phone charging will be on offer and the grant contributed to the costs of the PV and battery.

**Cranbrook Windmill Association (22-TW-21)**  
**Windmill LED lighting project**  
**£2000**

Member Grant funding was put towards the cost of replacing the original flood lighting with energy

efficient LED floodlighting.

**Sissinghurst Cricket Club (22-TW-22)**

**Outdoor Cricket Net**

**£2000**

Member Grant funding was awarded to help with the costs of replacing the old practice net with a brand new, all weather, practice net facility. This allows the Club to promote and encourage participation in cricket at grass roots level within the community.

**Frittenden Historical Society (22-TW-25)**

**Historical Survey of Mill Lane Burial Ground, Frittenden**

**£488**

Following an increasing number of enquiries from villagers and elsewhere, the Society's members had undertaken the recording of all the burials and memorials at the additional Burial Ground situated in Mill Lane, with the aim of producing the data in a format that could be published. The Member Grant assisted with funding the publication of the records.

**Wealden Men's Shed, Cranbrook (22-TW-28)**

**Workshop Project-canopy & container**

**£1800**

Member Grant funding was awarded to help with the costs of equipment to create a fully fitted workshop, enabling the members to work on something practical as and when they wish to. This has also enabled more people to join the shed and opening times to be increased.

**St George's PCC, Benenden (22-TW-30)**

**Fete Committee-Gazebo to protect fundraising stalls & volunteers**

**£1880**

The fete raises money for local Benenden Parish charities and is an event that brings the community together. In previous years, the committee had been loaned two marquees, but these were no longer available, and help was sought to provide replacements. Member Grant funding assisted with the costs of purchasing two gazebos along with storage bags, straps, pegs and gutter kits.

James McInroy

**St George's Childcare (22-TW-17)**

**Garden development Project**

**£2500**

Member Grant funding was awarded to purchase bark chippings, a new water tank and a garden tool shed to ensure the area is functional, and to enable children and staff to maintain the allotment, grow fruits, vegetables and plants and use the garden as an inspiring learning area.

**Sunnyside Hall, Rusthall (22-TW-24)**

**Solar panel installation.**

**£6500**

The hall is used daily as a pre-school nursery and in the evenings the hall is booked for activities such as yoga and other fitness and dance classes. These activities require heat and light and energy costs have increased in recent months. A contribution to solar panels and installation was provided by Member Grant funding.

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Peter Oakford

**Southborough & High Brooms Amateur Archaeological Society (22-TW-2)**

**Community Education & Activities**

**£850**

Member Grant funding was put towards display banners, posters and signage as well as tools for excavations (wheelbarrow, trowels, brushes, gloves), materials for the children's portable experience units (flints, pottery, fossils) and safe working area materials (fences and tapes).

**Slide Away (22-TW-9) Multi District Award**

**Website re-design**

**£500**

Slide Away offers bereavement support for children following the death of a relative or friend. A new website was needed to be the primary source of information for parents, young people and professionals. The grant contributed to the costs of a bespoke website design and build, including an online shop and secure resource area.

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## HIGHWAYS MEMBER GRANTS

Peter Oakford

**Kent Highways (22-KHS-TW-23)**

**Parking Sign Enhancement Scheme – Yew Tree Road**

**£740**

Concerns had been raised over the existing direction signage from the A26 to Southborough Car Park in Yew Tree Road; funding enhanced signage with additional direction signs.



Covid-19 Local Recovery Fund Grants 2021-22

Appendix 2

District	Member	Division	Organisation	Project Title	Amount
Ashford	Paul Bartlett	Ashford Central	Ashford Vineyard	Fitness equipment	£2,000.00
Ashford	Paul Bartlett	Ashford Central	Repton Community Trust	Community Garden initiative - support worker and outdoor equipment costs	£1,750.00
Ashford	Paul Bartlett	Ashford Central	Repton Community Trust	Community advocate costs for the safe hire and use of the Community Centre	£2,000.00
Ashford	Steve Campkin	Ashford East	South Willborough Community After School Club	Running costs	£430.00
Ashford	Steve Campkin	Ashford East	South Willborough Community and Newtown Community Council	Publicly accessible defibrillator	£1,500.00
Ashford	Steve Campkin	Ashford East	South Willborough Community and Newtown Community Council	Installation of chat benches	£309.60
Ashford	Steve Campkin	Ashford East	Willesborough WI Hall Trustees	Improving facilities and refreshing the equipment	£2,000.00
Ashford	Clair Bell	Ashford Rural East	Ashford Borough Citizens Advice	Mediator fees	£2,000.00
Ashford	Clair Bell	Ashford Rural East	Nest & Grow CIC	Running costs for mental health support programmes for young people and their families	£1,000.00
Ashford	David Robey	Ashford Rural South	Bilsington Village Hall	New projector and sound equipment for the hall	£2,000.00
Ashford	David Robey	Ashford Rural South	Kingsnorth Village Hall	Improving facilities for local community groups	£1,000.00
Ashford	Charlie Simkins	Ashford Rural West	Charity Mentors Kent and Medway	Mentoring services to local charities	£2,000.00
Ashford	Dirk Ross	Ashford South	6th Ashford Scout Group	Subscription contribution	£1,000.00
Ashford	Dirk Ross	Ashford South	Singleton Spaces	Facilitator costs for schools visits	£2,000.00
Ashford	Dirk Ross	Ashford South	The Limes Community Garden	Creation of a flexible space to be used for outside exercise lessons	£1,000.00
Ashford	Dirk Ross	Ashford South	Sk8side CIC	Health and fitness activities for specific support groups	£800.00
Ashford	Dirk Ross	Ashford South	Gateway Church Ashford	ESOL Course for assisting attendees with a second language	£1,200.00
Ashford	Mike Hill, OBE	Tenterden	Biddenden Village Halls and Sports Committee	Improvement of facilities	£2,000.00
Ashford	Mike Hill, OBE	Tenterden	Spirit of Tenterden CIC	Community Event - artist costs	£1,000.00
Ashford	Mike Hill, OBE	Tenterden	Tenterden Folk Day Trust	Tenterden Folk Festival - Artist Accommodation Costs	£1,500.00
Ashford	Mike Hill, OBE	Tenterden	Tenterden Netball Club	Sports equipment training	£1,000.00
Ashford	Mike Hill, OBE	Tenterden	William Judge Trust	Allotment restoration	£500.00
Canterbury	Alister Brady	Canterbury City North	Canterbury and District Early Years Project	Series of programmes to support the healthy development and socialisation of children	£2,000.00
Canterbury	Alister Brady	Canterbury City North	Parkside Community Primary School	Year 6 end of year outdoor facilities day	£1,000.00
Canterbury	Alister Brady	Canterbury City North	St John's CEP School	Year 6 Away Day due to the inability to hold a leavers events	£1,643.00
Canterbury	Alister Brady	Canterbury City North	St John's CEP School	Additional funding for a Year 6 awayday to replace the previously cancelled event	£357.00
Canterbury	Alister Brady	Canterbury City North	St Stephen's Infant School	Local park trip to take part in river workshops.	£300.00
Canterbury	Alister Brady	Canterbury City North	The City of Canterbury City Swimming Club	Swim trainer training	£500.00
Canterbury	Mel Dawkins	Canterbury City South	Canterbury Kidz Klub	Coach for weekend use to transport children and young people from the Canterbury area to the Kids Club.	£1,500.00
Canterbury	Mel Dawkins	Canterbury City South	Howe Green Resident's Association	Youth Fun Day - event costs	£1,000.00
Canterbury	Mel Dawkins	Canterbury City South	Moonbeam Theatre Ltd	Multi-sensory interactive touring performance for primary school children with SEN and/or profound and multiple learning disabilities	£1,000.00
Canterbury	Mel Dawkins	Canterbury City South	Querns Community Centre	Youth Work and Family Support 4 week project	£1,498.70
Canterbury	Robert Thomas	Canterbury North	CTIW Haven Project ("Haven")	Supplies for the homeless	£1,200.00
Canterbury	Robert Thomas	Canterbury North	Riverside Vineyard Church	Equipment for families in need of baby supplies	£1,500.00
Canterbury	Robert Thomas	Canterbury North	The Far Academy CIC	Covid recovery project	£2,000.00
Canterbury	Mike Sole	Canterbury South	Adisham Village Hall	Purchase of an industrial dishwasher	£1,050.00
Canterbury	Mike Sole	Canterbury South	Ashford Road Community Association	Outdoor furniture	£400.00
Canterbury	Mike Sole	Canterbury South	Barham Football Club	Publicly accessible defibrillator	£1,000.00
Canterbury	Mike Sole	Canterbury South	Bridge Village Playgroup	Play equipment and resources	£459.95
Canterbury	Mike Sole	Canterbury South	Hilltop Community Association Canterbury	Equipment to enable a community growing area	£600.00
Canterbury	Mike Sole	Canterbury South	Little Bourne Cricket Club Youth Section	Hire costs for indoor training sessions	£890.05
Canterbury	Mike Sole	Canterbury South	Petham Primary School PFTA	Purchase of book shelves and music equipment	£1,600.00
Canterbury	Dan Watkins	Herne Bay East	Bayguide CIC	Community Event - Cartoon Festival display equipment and public liability insurance	£2,000.00
Canterbury	Dan Watkins	Herne Bay East	Beach Creative CIC	Media and marketing campaign to promote crowdfunding for the purchase of the existing building that is being sold	£1,500.00
Canterbury	Dan Watkins	Herne Bay East	Herne Bay Museum Trust	Exhibitions costs	£1,000.00
Canterbury	Dan Watkins	Herne Bay East	Herne Bay in Bloom	Restoration and improvement of the Neptune Garden on Herne Bay Seafont	£1,500.00
Canterbury	Alan Marsh	Herne Village & Sturry	Strode Park Foundation	Outside shelter area	£1,500.00
Canterbury	Neil Baker	Whitstable East & Herne Bay West	Friends of Colewood Nature Reserve/Tankerton FC	Equipment to enable the restoration of the nature reserve	£1,952.50
Canterbury	Neil Baker	Whitstable East & Herne Bay West	Greenhill Gymnastics Club	Sporting Equipment - purchase of 4 booster blocks to aid gymnasts	£500.00
Canterbury	Neil Baker	Whitstable East & Herne Bay West	Herne Bay High School (Dance Academy)	Pilot Project for Young Male Dance Community Project - portable speakers and dance practitioner fee	£1,903.22
Canterbury	Neil Baker	Whitstable East & Herne Bay West	Whitstable Castle Trust	Community Volunteering Garden Project - purchase of various gardening tools and equipment	£1,166.76
Dartford	Penny Cole	Dartford East	Branch 6th Dartford Scout Group	New equipment for the Kent International Jamboree	£1,550.00
Dartford	Penny Cole	Dartford East	Brent Primary School	Wellbeing resources	£400.00
Dartford	Penny Cole	Dartford East	Dartford Science and Technology College	Afternoon tea for local elderly residents and students	£500.00
Dartford	Penny Cole	Dartford East	Fleetdown Open House	Running costs - hall hire and equipment	£1,303.32
Dartford	Penny Cole	Dartford East	Stone Parish Council	Assistance with transfer of Community Café from local Church to the Parish Council	£2,000.00
Dartford	Kelly Grehan	Dartford North East	All Directions	Christmas 2021 Celebration - event costs	£400.00
Dartford	Kelly Grehan	Dartford North East	Branch 6th Dartford Scout Group	New equipment for the Kent International Jamboree	£450.00
Dartford	Kelly Grehan	Dartford North East	Brent Primary School	Wellbeing resources	£400.00
Dartford	Kelly Grehan	Dartford North East	Homestart North West Kent	Staff and oncosts for volunteer training	£1,250.00
Dartford	Kelly Grehan	Dartford North East	PSBreastfeeding CIC	Training of volunteers to help with baby slings	£500.00
Dartford	Kelly Grehan	Dartford North East	St Edmund's Church	Food and provisions for the community foodbank	£1,000.00
Dartford	Kelly Grehan	Dartford North East	Temple Hill Youth Club	Refurbishment for the local youth group	£2,000.00

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Dartford	Peter Harman	Swanscombe and Greenhithe	Ebbsfleet Baptist Church - SEBA	Pop-up community carol service - event costs	£894.60
Dartford	Peter Harman	Swanscombe and Greenhithe	Empire Bowls Club	Renewed seating for the new club house	£1,105.40
Dartford	Peter Harman	Swanscombe and Greenhithe	Friends of the Craylands School	Phonic books and library resources for out of hours use by pupils	£1,000.00
Dartford	Peter Harman	Swanscombe and Greenhithe	Ingress Park Neighbourhood Watch	New community notice board to promote news and events in the area	£500.00
Dartford	Peter Harman	Swanscombe and Greenhithe	PCC St Peter and St Paul Swanscombe	Renewed lighting for the community hall	£1,000.00
Dartford	Peter Harman	Swanscombe and Greenhithe	Swanscombe Tigers	New facilities for local sports group	£1,500.00
Dartford	Ann Allen, MBE	Wilmington	Dartford Science and Technology College	Afternoon tea for local elderly residents and students	£500.00
Dartford	Ann Allen, MBE	Wilmington	Girlguiding Paxwood Kent	Replace surface of hard play area	£1,000.00
Dartford	Avtar Sandhu, MBE	Wilmington	All Shades of Life CIC	Coaching	£300.00
Dartford	Avtar Sandhu, MBE	Wilmington	Arrow Riding Centre for the Disabled	Repair of fences	£500.00
Dartford	Avtar Sandhu, MBE	Wilmington	Dartford Lions Club (CIO)	Creation of social space	£1,028.65
Dartford	Avtar Sandhu, MBE	Wilmington	Joydens Wood Residents Community Association	PPE costs for a local community centre	£400.00
Dartford	Avtar Sandhu, MBE	Wilmington	Naked Frank Theatre	Series of music workshops	£400.00
Dartford	Avtar Sandhu, MBE	Wilmington	Over 55 Club	Series of coach trips for elderly residents	£500.00
Dartford	Avtar Sandhu, MBE	Wilmington	St Michael and All Angels	Equipment for a new community hub	£871.35
Dartford	Avtar Sandhu, MBE	Wilmington	Wilmington Parish Council	New vinyl flooring	£500.00
Dover	Derek Murphy	Deal & Walmer	Emmaus Dover	One to One Counselling training for community use with service users	£500.00
Dover	Derek Murphy	Deal & Walmer	Talk It Out	Purchase of gardening equipment and contribution towards counselling sessions	£300.00
Dover	Trevor Bond	Deal & Walmer	Talk It Out	Purchase of gardening equipment and contribution towards counselling sessions	£300.00
Dover	Steve Manion	Dover North	The Kent Mining Heritage Foundation	Betteshanger Park Open Golf - outside facilities screen hire and sports licence	£1,000.00
Dover	Nigel Collor	Dover Town	Christians Together in Dover	No Fear Living Youth Event -advertising costs and wristbands	£484.99
Dover	Nigel Collor	Dover Town	Clarendon & Westbury Community Association	Refreshments for events, arts and crafts activities and promotions	£750.00
Dover	Nigel Collor	Dover Town	Emmaus Dover	One to One Counselling training for community use with service users	£500.00
Dover	Nigel Collor	Dover Town	Music4Wellbeing	Singing workshops	£300.00
Dover	Nigel Collor	Dover Town	Soundwaves Choir	New sheet music and equipment	£1,965.01
Dover	Oliver Richardson	Dover Town	Clarendon & Westbury Community Association	Refreshments for events, arts and crafts activities and promotions	£750.00
Dover	Oliver Richardson	Dover Town	Emmaus Dover	One to One Counselling training for community use with service users	£500.00
Dover	Oliver Richardson	Dover Town	St Peter & St Paul Charlton Church	Professional singer training for the choir	£750.00
Dover	Oliver Richardson	Dover Town	The Beacon Church & Christian Centre	Running costs for a Tea and Talk group	£500.00
Dover	Dave Beaney	Dover West	Alkham Valley Community Project	New equipment for members	£840.00
Dover	Dave Beaney	Dover West	Hougham Village Hall Trust	Establishment of a recreation area for local residents	£800.00
Folkestone & Hythe	Rory Love, OBE	Cheriton Sandgate & Hythe East	Seabrook Primary School	School planter repairs and improvements to wellbeing and sensory location	£1,916.00
Folkestone & Hythe	Susan Carey	Elham Valley	Friends of Bodsham Primary School	Exercise and PE equipment	£300.00
Folkestone & Hythe	Susan Carey	Elham Valley	Selsted Primary School	Sports equipment	£1,000.00
Folkestone & Hythe	Susan Carey	Elham Valley	Elham Valley Cricket Club	Coaching	£700.00
Folkestone & Hythe	Susan Carey	Elham Valley	Hawkinge Community Football & Sports Trust	Establishing a covid secure facility	£2,000.00
Folkestone & Hythe	Susan Carey	Elham Valley	Churchill School PTFa	Outdoor equipment replenishment	£2,000.00
Folkestone & Hythe	Jackie Meade	Folkestone East	Kent Refugee Action Network	Running additional sports activities, training on health and wellbeing, cooking healthy meals, gardening, art activities	£1,000.00
Folkestone & Hythe	Jackie Meade	Folkestone East	Silver Arch Studios CIC	Music Workshops in local primary schools	£1,000.00
Folkestone & Hythe	Jackie Meade	Folkestone East	South Kent Mind	Mental health support	£2,000.00
Folkestone & Hythe	Jackie Meade	Folkestone East	Touchbase Care CIC	Continuation of online sessions for a 6 month period	£2,000.00
Folkestone & Hythe	Dylan Jeffrey	Folkestone West	Folkestone Invicta Youth FC	Sports Equipment	£2,000.00
Folkestone & Hythe	Dylan Jeffrey	Folkestone West	Folkestone Rainbow Centre	Start-up befriender service pilot - running costs	£2,000.00
Folkestone & Hythe	Dylan Jeffrey	Folkestone West	Kent Refugee Action Network	Running additional sports activities, training on health and wellbeing, cooking healthy meals, gardening, art activities	£1,000.00
Folkestone & Hythe	Dylan Jeffrey	Folkestone West	Silver Arch Studios CIC	Music Workshops in local primary schools	£1,000.00
Folkestone & Hythe	Andy Weatherhead	Hythe West	Hythe Football Club - U16	Sports equipment	£750.00
Folkestone & Hythe	Andy Weatherhead	Hythe West	Hythe Youth Centre Salus CIC	Training sessions for a youth club	£1,000.00
Folkestone & Hythe	Andy Weatherhead	Hythe West	The Lympe Playing Field & Village Hall	New running track contribution	£2,000.00
Folkestone & Hythe	Tony Hills	Romney Marsh	Brenzett Village Hall Management Committee	Clearance of vegetation to use outside facilities at the hall	£2,500.00
Folkestone & Hythe	Tony Hills	Romney Marsh	New Romney Country Fayre Committee	New Romney Fayre Committee - event costs	£1,000.00
Folkestone & Hythe	Tony Hills	Romney Marsh	Brookland Parish Council	Provision of pop-up community equipment	£500.00
Gravesham	Alan Ridgers	Gravesend East	Chalk Village Gardeners Club	Guest speakers	£1,080.00
Gravesham	Alan Ridgers	Gravesend East	Emmanuel Baptist Church	Christmas hampers	£666.00
Gravesham	Alan Ridgers	Gravesend East	Gravesend & District Sea Cadet Corps	Charter fee to Sea Change Trust	£1,200.00
Gravesham	Alan Ridgers	Gravesend East	Gravesend Historical Society	A programme of talks on local Gravesham and Kentish historical themes	£500.00
Gravesham	Alan Ridgers	Gravesend East	Gravesham Network Development CIC	Christmas in a Box appeal	£500.00
Gravesham	Alan Ridgers	Gravesend East	Riverside Active Lives Network	IT equipment	£2,000.00
Gravesham	Jordan Meade	Gravesend East	Emmanuel Baptist Church	Christmas hampers	£667.00
Gravesham	Jordan Meade	Gravesend East	Gravesend Art Group	Purchase of tables	£400.00
Gravesham	Jordan Meade	Gravesend East	Gravesend Rowing Club	Indoor rowing machines	£1,000.00
Gravesham	Jordan Meade	Gravesend East	Gravesham Network Development CIC	Christmas in a Box appeal	£500.00
Gravesham	Jordan Meade	Gravesend East	Methodist Homes (MHA Communities Kent)	Volunteer befriender training	£920.00
Gravesham	Jordan Meade	Gravesend East	Riverview Football Club	Sports equipment	£941.71



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Gravesham	Jordan Meade	Gravesend East	Gravesham Lawn Tennis Club	Sports equipment	£1,566.80
Gravesham	Bryan Sweetland	Gravesham Rural	Cobham Parish Council	Re-establishment of the Cobham Youth Club	£2,000.00
Gravesham	Bryan Sweetland	Gravesham Rural	Gravesham Network Development CIC	Christmas in a Box appeal	£500.00
Gravesham	Bryan Sweetland	Gravesham Rural	Istead Rise Community Association	Upgrade existing facilities	£2,000.00
Gravesham	Bryan Sweetland	Gravesham Rural	Meopham Windmill Trust	Website project - domain purchase, design and social media costs	£1,000.00
Gravesham	Conrad Broadley	Northfleet & Gravesend West	1st Northfleet Brownies	Uniform, equipment and supplies	£993.86
Gravesham	Conrad Broadley	Northfleet & Gravesend West	Emmanuel Baptist Church	Christmas hampers	£667.00
Gravesham	Conrad Broadley	Northfleet & Gravesend West	Gravesham Life Saving Club	Planning costs associated with an Automated External Defibrillator installation	£462.00
Gravesham	Conrad Broadley	Northfleet & Gravesend West	Gravesham Network Development CIC	Christmas in a Box appeal	£500.00
Gravesham	Dr Lauren Sullivan	Northfleet & Gravesend West	Gravesham School Pastors	Resources for wellbeing groups	£2,000.00
Gravesham	Dr Lauren Sullivan	Northfleet & Gravesend West	Maritime Volunteer Service (MVS)	Community fun day - event costs, new safety equipment and general boat maintenance	£2,000.00
Gravesham	Dr Lauren Sullivan	Northfleet & Gravesend West	Northfleet & Rosherville PCC	Family support services - food and activities	£1,000.00
Maidstone	Dan Daley	Maidstone Central	Maidstone Baptist Church	Make Lunch sessions - crafts and family support services including a cooked meal for attendees	£2,000.00
Maidstone	Tom Cannon	Maidstone Central	Maidstone Hockey Club	New community football goals	£1,000.00
Maidstone	Tom Cannon	Maidstone Central	Maidstone Invicta Rowing Club	New equipment	£2,000.00
Maidstone	Tom Cannon	Maidstone Central	Maidstone West Scouts	Clothing and materials for annual Gang Show	£300.00
Maidstone	Tom Cannon	Maidstone Central	One Maidstone	Planters	£1,800.00
Maidstone	Tom Cannon	Maidstone Central	Wishing Hearts	Social isolation campaign	£900.00
Maidstone	Ian Chittenden	Maidstone North East	Maidstone Community Support Centre	Video Conferencing Equipment	£999.00
Maidstone	Ian Chittenden	Maidstone North East	Maidstone Family Church	Carpentry work for the ongoing accessible toilet project	£500.00
Maidstone	Ian Chittenden	Maidstone North East	Penenden Heath Pre-School	Security system	£500.00
Maidstone	Ian Chittenden	Maidstone North East	Space 2 Be Me	Saturday Club for children with learning disabilities	£1,000.00
Maidstone	Shellina Prendergast	Maidstone Rural East	1st Harrietsham Brownie Unit	Census fees	£900.00
Maidstone	Shellina Prendergast	Maidstone Rural East	21Together	Community Event - Dinosaur fun day - purchase of various items and staff costs	£750.00
Maidstone	Shellina Prendergast	Maidstone Rural East	Aspire Foundation	Aids to support increased fluency for pupils	£1,032.50
Maidstone	Shellina Prendergast	Maidstone Rural East	Headcorn Cricket & Tennis Club	New sporting equipment	£2,000.00
Maidstone	Shellina Prendergast	Maidstone Rural East	Headcorn Primary School	Additional resources to aid booster learning for years 5 and 6 for secondary readiness	£1,000.00
Maidstone	Sir Paul Carter, CBE	Maidstone Rural North	Royal British Legion Industries	Mental health support sessions for ex-homeless veterans post pandemic	£2,000.00
Maidstone	Sir Paul Carter, CBE	Maidstone Rural North	The Young Lives Foundation	School trips and activities	£2,000.00
Maidstone	Sir Paul Carter, CBE	Maidstone Rural North	Heart of Kent Hospice	Compassionate Neighbours Project - running costs	£2,000.00
Maidstone	Lottie Parfitt-Reid	Maidstone Rural South	Langley Athletic FC	Running costs to fund equipment storage capacity	£500.00
Maidstone	Lottie Parfitt-Reid	Maidstone Rural South	Langley Lions FC	Running costs to fund pitch hire and pitch marking	£500.00
Maidstone	Lottie Parfitt-Reid	Maidstone Rural South	Marden History Group	Safe display of artifacts & seating for visitors to the Centre	£500.00
Maidstone	Lottie Parfitt-Reid	Maidstone Rural South	Marden in Bloom	QR signs to promote healthy exercise and supply local history and environment information around the village	£396.00
Maidstone	Lottie Parfitt-Reid	Maidstone Rural South	Staplehurst Free Church	Food and provisions for the community foodbank	£1,000.00
Maidstone	Lottie Parfitt-Reid	Maidstone Rural South	Staplehurst Monarchs Youth FC	Football equipment	£300.00
Maidstone	Lottie Parfitt-Reid	Maidstone Rural South	Staplehurst Monarchs Youth FC	Provision of parking for visitors for the Jubilee Ground	£500.00
Maidstone	Lottie Parfitt-Reid	Maidstone Rural South	Staplehurst PTA	Outdoor exercise equipment	£500.00
Maidstone	Simon Webb	Maidstone Rural West	21Together	Community Event - Dinosaur fun day - purchase of various items and staff costs	£750.00
Maidstone	Simon Webb	Maidstone Rural West	Dandelion Time	Six month therapeutic programme	£2,000.00
Maidstone	Simon Webb	Maidstone Rural West	Hunton Bowls Club	New mower	£650.00
Maidstone	Simon Webb	Maidstone Rural West	Linton Cricket Club	New training nets	£1,500.00
Maidstone	Simon Webb	Maidstone Rural West	Nettlestead Parish Council	Football goals	£600.00
Maidstone	Simon Webb	Maidstone Rural West	Valding (Twyford) Pre School	Updating of IT hardware	£500.00
Maidstone	Paul Cooper	Maidstone South	St Martin's Church	Grab and go event - food costs	£2,000.00
Maidstone	Gary Cooke	Maidstone South East	Fusion Maidstone	Christmas Presents for local families within the division	£500.00
Sevenoaks	Roger Gough	Sevenoaks North & Darent Valley	Citizens Advice in North and West Kent	Training new volunteers	£401.00
Sevenoaks	Roger Gough	Sevenoaks North & Darent Valley	Crockenhill Petanque Club	Equipment	£129.00
Sevenoaks	Roger Gough	Sevenoaks North & Darent Valley	Seal CoE primary school	Staff costs to open the community farm on weekends and bank holidays	£2,000.00
Sevenoaks	Roger Gough	Sevenoaks North & Darent Valley	The Quadrangle Shoreham Limited	Nature retreat for local NHS Workers at Sevenoaks Hospital and Local NHS Partners	£2,000.00
Sevenoaks	Roger Gough	Sevenoaks North & Darent Valley	Eynsford & Crockenhill Rights of Way Walking Group	Running costs - insurance and website costs	£300.00
Sevenoaks	Roger Gough	Sevenoaks North & Darent Valley	Swanley Town Council	Two 3 tier pagodas, barrier troughs and soil	£970.00
Sevenoaks	David Brazier	Sevenoaks Rural North East	The Community Cupboard	Building expansion for the foodbank	£2,000.00
Sevenoaks	David Brazier	Sevenoaks Rural North East	West Kingsdown Walking Netball	Start up of a Walking Netball team - venue hire	£500.00
Sevenoaks	Margot McArthur	Sevenoaks Rural South	Chiddingstone Sports Association	Repairs for the sports pavilion	£1,000.00
Sevenoaks	Margot McArthur	Sevenoaks Rural South	Friends of Edenbridge and Westerham Citizens Advice	Debt advisors training	£1,000.00
Sevenoaks	Margot McArthur	Sevenoaks Rural South	Weald Cricket Club	Equipment	£1,000.00
Sevenoaks	Margot McArthur	Sevenoaks Rural South	Edenbridge Town Council	Gardening Project - promotion and marketing materials	£2,000.00
Sevenoaks	Richard Streetfeild, MBE	Sevenoaks Town	Lady Boswell's CE Primary School	Educational Psychologist to visit the school and work with children to discuss the impact of the pandemic	£788.00
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Sevenoaks	Richard Streetfeild, MBE	Sevenoaks Town	Sevenoaks Town Team	Audit to improve public spaces within the town centre	£1,848.00
Sevenoaks	Richard Streetfeild, MBE	Sevenoaks Town	St John's CE Primary School	Educational Psychologist to visit the school and work with children to discuss the impact of the pandemic	£788.00
Sevenoaks	Richard Streetfeild, MBE	Sevenoaks Town	St Thomas' Catholic Primary School	Educational Psychologist to visit the school and work with children to discuss the impact of the pandemic	£788.00
Sevenoaks	Richard Streetfeild, MBE	Sevenoaks Town	Stag Theatre/Stag Community Arts Centre	Community Event - funds for performer fees for a free to attend event	£1,000.00
Sevenoaks	Nick Chard	Sevenoaks West	Friends of Edenbridge and Westerham Citizens Advice	Debt advisors training	£1,000.00

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Sevenoaks	Nick Chard	Sevenoaks West	Westerham Town Council	Loneliness project - venue hire, refreshment costs and promotional material	£2,000.00
Sevenoaks	Perry Cole	Swanley	Crockenhill Petanque Club	Equipment	£171.00
Sevenoaks	Perry Cole	Swanley	Hextable Community Collective t/a The Howard Venue (THV)	New exercise equipment	£1,500.00
Sevenoaks	Perry Cole	Swanley	Hextable Parish Council	New seating area for residents	£1,299.00
Sevenoaks	Perry Cole	Swanley	St Peters Hextable & St Paul's PCC Swanley	Wi-Fi and Sound System for Community Café	£2,000.00
Sevenoaks	Perry Cole	Swanley	Swanley Town Council	Remembrance Day - new bench	£1,030.00
Swale	Antony Hook	Faversham	Faversham Strike Force Football Club	Container to store football equipment	£800.00
Swale	Andy Booth	Sheppey	Sheerness East Youth FC	New Season Equipment	£2,000.00
Swale	Cameron Beart	Sheppey	Range Rovers Football Club	Sports equipment training	£1,958.50
Swale	Cameron Beart	Sheppey	Sheppey Division Girl Guiding	Census fees	£500.00
Swale	Cameron Beart	Sheppey	The Autism Apprentice CIC	Running costs for autism support services	£1,541.50
Swale	Cameron Beart	Sheppey	Sheppey Matters	Mental wellbeing project - CBT Session costs and promotional materials	£2,000.00
Swale	Mike Dendor	Sittingbourne North	Artistic Baton Twirling and Acro Academy	Sports equipment training	£410.00
Swale	Mike Dendor	Sittingbourne North	Diversity House	Mental health support and the loan of laptops for families in need	£2,000.00
Swale	John Wright	Sittingbourne South	Artistic Baton Twirling and Acro Academy	Equipment	£410.00
Swale	John Wright	Sittingbourne South	SATEDA	Live Chat Service pilot - fees, IT equipment and general running costs	£1,000.00
Swale	John Wright	Sittingbourne South	Sustrans	Community created artwork at a station to improve the local environment	£450.00
Swale	Rich Lehmann	Swale East	Boughton Under Blean Parish Council	Waste bin	£500.00
Swale	Rich Lehmann	Swale East	Boughton Under Blean Parish Council	Outdoor Gym Equipment - purchase of a double pull up bar	£833.00
Swale	Rich Lehmann	Swale East	Doddington Parish Council	New outdoor play equipment for local play area	£1,000.00
Swale	Rich Lehmann	Swale East	Oare Parish Council	Regeneration and rewinding of Oare - purchase of outdoor equipment	£1,000.00
Swale	Rich Lehmann	Swale East	SATEDA	Live Chat Service pilot - fees, IT equipment and general running costs	£1,000.00
Swale	Rich Lehmann	Swale East	Stalisfield Village Hall Trust	Air filtration system	£1,500.00
Swale	Mike Baldock	Swale West	Aspire School	Forest School Leader Training	£764.77
Swale	Mike Baldock	Swale West	Hartlip Village Hall	Facilities improvements	£1,710.00
Swale	Mike Baldock	Swale West	Upchurch Cricket Club	Net widening	£500.00
Swale	Mike Baldock	Swale West	Newington Parish Council	Supplementary fees for groups using the pavilion	£2,000.00
Thanet	Derek Crow-Brown	Birchington & Rural	Academy FM	Get Set for Summer - funding towards equipment and promotional packages for local charities	£500.00
Thanet	Derek Crow-Brown	Birchington & Rural	Birchington Parish Council	Outside furniture	£500.00
Thanet	Derek Crow-Brown	Birchington & Rural	Birchington Shelter and Amenity Group (BSAG)	Rebuilding heritage shelter along Birchington Beach	£500.00
Thanet	Derek Crow-Brown	Birchington & Rural	Books Beyond Words CIO	New local book club	£500.00
Thanet	Derek Crow-Brown	Birchington & Rural	Minster Parish Council	Accessibility platform lift	£1,000.00
Thanet	Derek Crow-Brown	Birchington & Rural	Royal British Legion Minster and Monkton	Publicly accessible defibrillator	£1,295.45
Thanet	Derek Crow-Brown	Birchington & Rural	Monkton Parish Council	New outdoor play equipment for local play area	£1,000.00
Thanet	Derek Crow-Brown	Birchington & Rural	Minster Parish Council	CCTV at Minster Sports Pavilion	£1,000.00
Thanet	Linda Wright	Birchington & Rural	Birchington Shelter and Amenity Group (BSAG)	Rebuilding heritage shelter along Birchington Beach	£500.00
Thanet	Linda Wright	Birchington & Rural	Monkton Parish Council	New outdoor play equipment for local play area	£600.00
Thanet	Ros Binks	Broadstairs	Academy FM	Get Set for Summer - funding towards equipment and promotional packages for local charities	£750.00
Thanet	Ros Binks	Broadstairs	Broadstairs Folk Week	Community Event - dance and stage boarding for performers	£1,500.00
Thanet	Ros Binks	Broadstairs	Broadstairs Surf Lifesaving Club	Sports Safety equipment	£1,000.00
Thanet	Ros Binks	Broadstairs	Broadstairs Town Team	Mental wellbeing project - art tutor and materials	£2,000.00
Thanet	Lesley Game	Cliftonville	Academy FM	Get Set for Summer - funding towards equipment and promotional packages for local charities	£500.00
Thanet	Lesley Game	Cliftonville	Friends of Botany Bay CIC	Rewinding project - litter picking and gardening equipment	£1,750.00
Thanet	Lesley Game	Cliftonville	GRASS Cliftonville CIC	Planters	£854.60
Thanet	Lesley Game	Cliftonville	Kitchen Social & Cookery Club CIC	Six month programme in the Cliftonville area to teach children cooking and life skills	£2,000.00
Thanet	Lesley Game	Cliftonville	Northdown CIC	Recycled benches	£895.00
Thanet	Barry Lewis	Margate	Academy FM	Get Set for Summer - funding towards equipment and promotional packages for local charities	£500.00
Thanet	Barry Lewis	Margate	Cliftonville Community Centre	Welfare officer to advise, support and assist centre attendees to access services	£2,000.00
Thanet	Barry Lewis	Margate	Thanet Virtual High Street	Christmas Fair - staging and tech support	£500.00
Thanet	Karen Constantine	Ramsgate	6th Ramsgate Royal Harbour Sea Scout Group	Establishment of a community centre - contribution to new bridge	£2,000.00
Thanet	Karen Constantine	Ramsgate	Academy FM	Get Set for Summer - funding towards equipment and promotional packages for local charities	£750.00
Thanet	Karen Constantine	Ramsgate	Project Motor House	Photography workshops for disadvantaged young people	£1,000.00
Thanet	Trevor Shonk	Ramsgate	Project Motor House	Photography workshops for disadvantaged young people	£903.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Trudy Dean, MBE	Malling Central	Brookfield Infant School	Mental Health and Wellbeing Project - contribution towards outside benches	£1,000.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Trudy Dean, MBE	Malling Central	Brookfield Junior School	Mental Health First Aid Training	£1,000.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Trudy Dean, MBE	Malling Central	Friends of West Malling Primary School	Outdoor play equipment	£1,000.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Trudy Dean, MBE	Malling Central	Larkfield Community Group	Room hire for a series of support groups	£901.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Trudy Dean, MBE	Malling Central	Larkfield Football Club	Video system for recording training sessions and matches for feedback and improvement of football skills	£1,099.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Trudy Dean, MBE	Malling Central	The Malling School	Sporting Equipment - Canoes	£1,000.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Andrew Kennedy	Malling North East	Aylesford Parish Council	New Bench	£1,000.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Andrew Kennedy	Malling North East	Aylesford Parish Council	Remembrance Poppies for Walderslade, Eccles and Blue Bell Hill	£1,000.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Andrew Kennedy	Malling North East	CommuniGrow	Gazebo	£1,000.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Andrew Kennedy	Malling North East	Larkfield Community Group	Befriending/Buddy programme - training and recruitment of volunteers	£1,000.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Andrew Kennedy	Malling North East	Kent Wildlife Trust	Rewinding project and highway maintenance through the establishment of bollards and verge erosion	£2,000.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Sarah Hudson	Malling Rural East	East Peckham Carers Café	Hall hire and trips out for carers	£500.00

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Tonbridge and Malling	Sarah Hudson	Malling Rural East	Hadlow Parish Council	Advertising for Dementia awareness and support networks in the local community	£500.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Sarah Hudson	Malling Rural East	Hadlow Parish Council	Cooking and sports equipment training	£1,500.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Sarah Hudson	Malling Rural East	Teston & Wateringbury Pre-School	Safe outside space with the installation for AstroTurf	£2,000.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Sarah Hudson	Malling Rural East	Wateringbury Football Club	New goals	£1,000.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Sarah Hudson	Malling Rural East	Wateringbury Fete Committee	Re-establishing the village fete - equipment hire and entertainment	£500.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Mark Hood	Tonbridge	Ember CIC	Summer Youth Outing	£500.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Mark Hood	Tonbridge	Haysden Country Park Volunteer Group	Garden equipment and tools to improve the Country Park	£1,195.99
Tonbridge and Malling	Mark Hood	Tonbridge	Living Well Tonbridge	Safe play spaces for children	£400.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Mark Hood	Tonbridge	The Rotary Club of Tonbridge	Annual Christmas Festival - event costs	£500.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Mark Hood	Tonbridge	Tonbridge Baptist Church	Supplies for a local food bank	£404.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Mark Hood	Tonbridge	Tonbridge Calling	Community Event - PA system and generator	£500.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Mark Hood	Tonbridge	Tonbridge Child Contact Centre	Children's play equipment	£500.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Mark Hood	Tonbridge	Tonbridge Lions Club	Community Event - buffet for local vaccine volunteers	£500.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Mark Hood	Tonbridge	Tonbridge Men's Sheds	Equipment	£500.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Mark Hood	Tonbridge	Feast Tonbridge	Tools and equipment for the community garden	£500.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Mark Hood	Tonbridge	Ember CIC	Funding for young people's activities in the spring/summer	£500.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Paul Stepto	Tonbridge	Baby Umbrella	Infant Sleep Support programme for Parents	£500.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Paul Stepto	Tonbridge	Derwent Day Centre	Lunches in the local community	£500.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Paul Stepto	Tonbridge	Living Well Tonbridge	Safe play spaces for children	£400.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Paul Stepto	Tonbridge	Slade Parent Teacher Association	Improved playground facilities	£500.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Paul Stepto	Tonbridge	The Rotary Club of Tonbridge	Annual Christmas Festival - event costs	£500.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Paul Stepto	Tonbridge	Tonbridge Baptist Church	Supplies for a local food bank	£1,100.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Paul Stepto	Tonbridge	Tonbridge Calling	Community Event - PA system and generator	£500.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Paul Stepto	Tonbridge	Tonbridge Dementia Friendly Community	Dementia Café setup costs	£500.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Paul Stepto	Tonbridge	Tonbridge Swimming Club	Competition starting system	£500.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Paul Stepto	Tonbridge	West Kent Mind	Room hire for support meetings at the Solace Café	£500.00
Tonbridge and Malling	Paul Stepto	Tonbridge	West Kent YMCA	Bike equipment and tools	£500.00
Tunbridge Wells	Seán Holden	Cranbrook	Cranbrook Juniors	Uniform, equipment and supplies	£1,000.00
Tunbridge Wells	Seán Holden	Cranbrook	Hawkhurst Community Trust	Kitchen refurbishment of the local community hall	£2,000.00
Tunbridge Wells	Seán Holden	Cranbrook	Sandhurst Parish Council	Refurbishment of the local community hall	£1,000.00
Tunbridge Wells	Seán Holden	Cranbrook	Sissinghurst Scout Group	Opening a squirrel drey - activities equipment, small flags for parade, storage and badges	£500.00
Tunbridge Wells	Paul Barrington-King	Tunbridge Wells East	Kent High Weald Project	Community Allotment - equipment for outdoor cooking activities	£350.00
Tunbridge Wells	Paul Barrington-King	Tunbridge Wells East	Pembury Baptist Church	Running costs of the Kingdom Café - hall hire and food/drink	£500.00
Tunbridge Wells	Paul Barrington-King	Tunbridge Wells East	Pembury Bowls Club	Replacement of a path for the Green	£2,000.00
Tunbridge Wells	Paul Barrington-King	Tunbridge Wells East	Sherwood's Men's Shed	New tools and equipment	£1,310.64
Tunbridge Wells	Paul Barrington-King	Tunbridge Wells East	St Philips Church Sherwood Tunbridge Wells	Community larder	£1,399.00
Tunbridge Wells	Paul Barrington-King	Tunbridge Wells East	Tunbridge Wells Unit 340 of the Sea Cadet Corps	Unit refurbishment for the local youth group	£500.00
Tunbridge Wells	Peter Oakford	Tunbridge Wells North	Citizens Advice Tunbridge Wells & District	New laptops	£1,000.00
Tunbridge Wells	Peter Oakford	Tunbridge Wells North	DAVSS (Domestic Abuse Volunteer Support Services)	Workshops resolving toxic stress through child friendly activities	£2,000.00
Tunbridge Wells	Peter Oakford	Tunbridge Wells North	Mental Health Resource	Supervision costs to support staff	£2,000.00
Tunbridge Wells	Sarah Hamilton	Tunbridge Wells Rural	Paddock Wood Football Club	Running costs for room hire for the PAN Disability Group	£2,000.00
Tunbridge Wells	Sarah Hamilton	Tunbridge Wells Rural	Paddock Wood Town Council	Bench refurbishment	£580.00
Tunbridge Wells	Sarah Hamilton	Tunbridge Wells Rural	Tunbridge Wells Unit 340 of the Sea Cadet Corps	Unit refurbishment for the local youth group	£600.00
Tunbridge Wells	Becki Bruneau	Tunbridge Wells South	Aspens Charities	Activities to support social and mental health recovery	£2,000.00
Tunbridge Wells	Becki Bruneau	Tunbridge Wells South	The Hygiene Bank	Hygiene products	£2,000.00
Tunbridge Wells	Becki Bruneau	Tunbridge Wells South	Tunbridge Wells Unit 340 of the Sea Cadet Corps	Unit refurbishment for the local youth group	£900.00
Tunbridge Wells	James McInroy	Tunbridge Wells South	Hospice in the Weald	Air purifiers	£2,000.00
Tunbridge Wells	James McInroy	Tunbridge Wells South	Tunbridge Wells & District Volunteer Bureau t/a Community Car Service	Cabs for Jobs - a scheme to assist the public to get to their vaccinations and booster vaccinations	£1,670.00

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From: Joel Cook, Democratic Services Manager  
To: Selection and Member Services Committee – 19 October 2023  
Subject: Kent Flood Risk Management Committee: Terms of Reference Review

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Summary: This report proposes changes to the name and Terms of Reference of the Kent Flood Risk Management Committee.

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## **1. Introduction**

- (1) KCC is required by the Local Government Act 2000 to make provision for a committee with the responsibility for reviewing and scrutinising the exercise of flood and coastal erosion risk management functions by risk management authorities in Kent.
- (2) County Council agreed to establish the Kent Flood Risk Management Committee at its meeting on 10 December 2009. The Committee exercises these statutory functions.
- (3) The Committee's Terms of Reference were last reviewed following the enactment of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, which amended the Local Government Act 2000.

## **2. Proposed changes**

- (1) Owing to developments in flood risk management, climate and the time passed since the last review, the Committee's Chairman commissioned a review of the Terms of Reference to ensure that they fully reflected the Committee's work and codified its investigation of water quality issues in Kent.
- (2) Following a review by Democratic Services, in consultation with the Committee's Chairman, Members of the Committee were given the opportunity to input and subsequently agreed changes which were incorporated into the proposal, detailed in Appendix 1. For comparison, the Committee's current Terms of Reference are detailed in Appendix 2.
- (3) The proposed changes have been made to clarify:
  - a. the Committee's role as a flood risk management overview and scrutiny committee;
  - b. the risk management authorities it holds to account; and
  - c. the additional non-statutory overview and scrutiny functions it exercises.

(4) In addition, Members suggested that the Committee be renamed to the Kent Flood Risk and Water Management Committee to reflect its additional responsibilities.

(5) It is acknowledged that many of the additional non-statutory functions proposed are already exercised by the Committee, in its effort to provide Members with sufficient information to exercise their overview and scrutiny role in a complex and constantly changing area.

### **3. Recommendations**

The Selection and Member Services Committee is asked to recommend to County Council that the:

- a) name of the Kent Flood Risk Management Committee be changed to Kent Flood Risk and Water Management Committee; and
- b) amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Kent Flood Risk Management Committee as set out in this report be approved.

### **4. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Proposed Terms of Reference

Appendix 2 – Current Terms of Reference

### **5. Contact details**

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# KENT FLOOD RISK AND WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### 7 Members

- 1 As an Overview and Scrutiny Committee, sections 17.47 and 17.48 apply to the membership.
- 2 In accordance with Section 9FH of the Local Government Act 2000, this committee is responsible for reviewing and scrutinising the exercise of flood risk management functions and coastal erosion risk management functions by risk management authorities which may affect the local authority's area.
- 3 The Committee may request information and a response to reports from the risk management authorities, to which the authorities must comply.
- 4 Risk management authorities, as defined by Part 1 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, are:
  - (a) the Environment Agency;
  - (b) the lead local flood authority (KCC);
  - (c) district councils;
  - (d) internal drainage boards;
  - (e) water companies; and
  - (f) highways authorities (KCC and National Highways)
- 5 The Committee is also responsible for:
  - (a) investigating water resource management issues in Kent;
  - (b) investigating water quality issues in Kent;
  - (c) reporting annually (and more often if necessary) to the Scrutiny Committee and to the relevant Cabinet Member; and
  - (d) receiving and reviewing reports related to climate, flood risk and coastal erosion risk management as appropriate.
- 6 The Committee may appoint or remove non-voting Co-Opted Members (independent of the elected membership) who may participate in the business of the Committee in accordance with the rules set out in the Constitution.

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## KENT FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

Membership: 7 Members

- 1 In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 (Schedule 2), this committee is responsible for reviewing and scrutinising the exercise by risk management authorities of flood risk management functions or coastal erosion risk management functions which may affect the local authority's area.
- 2 This committee is responsible for:
  - (a) the preparation monitoring and review (in conjunction with the Flood Risk Management Officer) of a strategic action plan for flood risk management in Kent, taking into account any Select Committee recommendations, the Pitt Review and relevant requirements of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.
  - (b) reporting annually (and more often if necessary) to the Scrutiny Committee and to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport.
  - (c) reviewing and responding to any consultation on the implementation of the Pitt Review and the future development of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.
  - (d) receiving reports from the Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee and responding as appropriate.
  - (e) the investigation of water resource management issues in Kent.
- 3 A risk management authority must comply with a request from this committee for information and a response to a report.
- 4 The committee may include (non-voting) persons who are not members of the authority, including representatives of District Councils, the Environment Agency and Internal Drainage Boards.

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